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Aid workers sacked by charity

Britons held over Bosnia gun-running

BY BILL FROST

TWO British aid workers were last night being held in central Bosnia amid allegations that they had been smuggling guns and ammunition to rival forces.

Stephen Pinnock and Lawrence Foster disappeared earlier this month after being dismissed by the Feed the Children charity. It was thought that they might have joined the Muslim army, but yesterday they were found in the town of Travnik — detained by the soldiers they had wanted to help.

One of the men told a BBC reporter yesterday that they had used a Feed the Children Land Rover to smuggle ammunition to the Muslims, who were "down to their last box of bullets" in a besieged enclave. They had then come under suspicion of running guns for Croat units as well as for the Muslims, and were placed under house arrest. A source in Vitez said they had been "playing both ends against the middle". The pair were said to be allowed out only one at a time and under armed guard, but another source said they had been seen in combat fatigues laughing and joking with Muslim soldiers.

Mr Pinnock, 29, from Braintree in Essex, and Mr Foster, from Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, had worked for Feed the Children for about a month, distributing food to hospitals, orphanages and schools, before being dismissed for ignoring instructions. The Land Rover they had used without permission was later recovered by the British army and returned to the charity.

David Grubb, director of the Reading-based Feed the Children, said: "From then on, they were not connected with us. They had their own agenda. Their compassion or commitment had turned into something else, and they had got in way over their heads."

Peter Annereau, the charity's procurement manager, said the pair appeared to have "gone native". "At first they were doing good work. Then we began hearing they were going their own way. They seem to have given in to the pressures that place creates."

The Foreign Office confirmed yesterday that there were allegations that the two men were involved in gun-running, contrary to the UN embargo on arming any of the parties in the conflict, but said: "We can't confirm whether they are being detained. They may well have joined the army." Several dozen British nationals, many of them ex-servicemen, are known to have joined the mainly Muslim Bosnian army as volunteers or mercenaries.

When British army sources and other aid workers in the area heard "rumbles" that the two were smuggling arms, Feed the Children felt compelled to take its remaining vehicles off the road for a while. Like other charities, its workers face daily danger and suspicion at each militia checkpoint, and allegations of partiality, or worse, substantially raise the risks of food convoys becoming a target for fighters on both sides.

Aid workers have been concerned that their efforts have become increasingly hazardous in recent weeks. All too often, snipers fire on vehicles "simply for the hell of it, or to commandeer the food themselves," one official said. Neither Muslim nor Croat forces need much provocation to fire on those who have come to help, and any suggestion that the hundreds of field workers attempting to cross front lines were colluding with the enemy could result in the fighters withdrawing their grudging co-operation.

Last June, two Italian "freelance" aid workers were shot dead by bandits near Travnik. The thieves, all said to be members of a rogue Muslim militia, made their victims run before riddling them with bullets. Also this summer, an Edinburgh woman was shot dead in Sarajevo even though her vehicle was clearly marked with a red cross.

Mr Foster had worked as a despatch rider before deciding to go to Bosnia in February. His wife and three children remained at their rented home on a farm near Potters Bar, but they left last week to stay in Cambridgeshire.

Mr Pinnock, a car mechanic who sold his garage business three years ago to travel round the world, went to Bosnia earlier this year to take war photographs. A friend said last night: "He left here at Easter for Bosnia to do what he could to help. He phoned us twice to say he was all right. Then we heard he disappeared on August 18. We are naturally concerned."

Another friend said: "He learnt photography so that he could take pictures of the war and show the suffering. I think it is most unlikely that he would be involved in anything crooked."

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UN food convoy reaches Mostar

A United Nations convoy carrying food and medicines for 55,000 Muslims stranded in the eastern sector of the Bosnian city arrived on the outskirts of Mostar last night. Some supplies were also to be given to Croats in Mostar, a UN spokesman said. The convoy was earlier blocked by hundreds of Bosnian Croat women and soldiers.

The American air force said it would repeat yesterday's airdrops of food over the city .....Page 10

TIM CLIFF



Mike Saltmarsh with the rubbish collected on his beach in a single day

Pollution case may cost water board £1m

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A HOLIDAY camp owner launched a legal test case yesterday to stop the local water authority polluting his beach in Devon in a claim which could amount to £1 million.

In what is thought to be the first such action brought by a beach owner, Mike Saltmarsh is suing South West Water over an outlet which he claims discharges sewage on to his private beach at Croyde Bay, near Barnstaple.

He maintains that his holiday business, which draws 800 holidaymakers a week to his caravans and residences during the height of the season, is being severely damaged by pollution. The half-mile long beach, one of a handful privately owned in Britain, was refused a "blue flag" because of the effluent and increasingly, he says, people are choosing not to holiday there.

"Since I bought the beach in 1988, I have invested heavily in the resort and in cleansing machinery, and have got a reputation for having a clean beach. But in addition to failing to win a blue flag, we have also lost our place in the *Good Beach Guide*."

He had tried without success to persuade South West Water to take action, but said their plans looked unlikely to have any significant effect before the year 2000. "They have a fine screening plant which breaks up the sewage as it comes out of the outlet, but sewage-like slicks still arrive, as well as sanitary towels and other sewage-related debris."

Mr Saltmarsh said he had bought the business, which includes 50 stationary caravans and a group of apartments, for about £1 million in 1988 and had spent a further £2m developing it. "But over the years I have seen a steady

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Housing market signals recovery

BY RACHEL KELLY
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

AFTER months of conflicting signals, new figures from estate agents and builders reveal clear signs of recovery in the housing market.

The recovery, which first became apparent early in the year but then faltered, has regained impetus. Most activity is in the £120,000-plus bracket. Peter Cliff, of the National Association of Estate Agents, said: "Some of the higher-priced properties are starting to sell while at the bottom end the market is slowing down. There has been a swing round from earlier this year."

The improvement appears to buck the seasonal trend. Despite this being the holiday period, buyers were coming forward, Mr Cliff said.

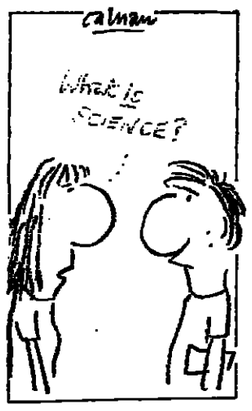
Figures from Savills confirm the recovery in more expensive properties. Prime houses and flats in central London, worth on average around £300,000, rose in value by 2.5 per cent in the second quarter of 1993.

Yolande Barnes, head of residential research at Savills, said that part of the increase was because residents from abroad were buying in London — 46 per cent of sales in some areas were to foreigners.

The Black Horse agency's office in Esher, Surrey, has reported a dramatic change in sales of houses between £400,000 and £1 million. "There is a real new sense of urgency," Ian Davies, the agency's regional executive director, said.

Sales of new homes are also up; 54 per cent of builders polled by the House Builders' Federation said reserations had increased in July, compared to 49 per cent in June. Tony Hillier, the federation's president, said: "I am encouraged by these figures especially as the increase in reservations has come during summer, always the leanest of house-buying times.

GCSE successes pile pressure on Patten



BY BEN PRESTON AND JOHN O'LEARY

THE record-breaking GCSE results published today threaten to become a timebomb for John Patten, the education secretary, by worsening the bottleneck over university places.

The sixth successive increase in high-grade GCSE results is expected to raise the number of pupils that decide to continue their studies, fuelling demand for higher education.

The pressure on Mr Patten mounted yesterday as this summer's squeeze on arts and social science courses tightened and opponents demanded efforts to find ways of financing university expansion.

Today's GCSE results show most entrants achieving the equivalent of a former O-level pass. More than half of the five million entries achieved grades A to C, up 1.1 per cent to 52.4 per cent. Entries that achieved an A grade increased from 12.5 per cent to 12.7 per cent.

The popularity of arts and some modern languages, and a decline in the numbers studying science, mirrored trends disclosed in last week's A-level results. Since 1988, the number of science entries has dropped by more than 10 per cent. Ministers cut university tuition fees for arts and social courses by £550 per head in December in an attempt to encourage expansion in science. But unless they can persuade more young people embarking on A levels in September to study science, the mismatch in higher education places will grow.

This summer, university admissions tutors for arts courses have had to reject thousands of candidates who narrowly missed high target grades while science applicants who scraped two Es have been accepted.

Mr Patten welcomed the improved GCSE grades and praised the hard work of pupils and teachers. "They deserve their success," he said. A new code of practice for examiners, introduced in the wake of last summer's controversy over marking, ensured the examination papers had been graded against "much more stringent standards", he added.

Ann Taylor, Labour's education spokeswoman, said the

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Woman admits kidnap and rape ordeal was a fantasy

BY JAMES LANDALE

A WOMAN who claimed that she was sexually assaulted twice during a six-hour ordeal after being abducted at knife point while driving to work has admitted making up the story.

The hairdresser, 33, may be charged with wasting police time after South Wales police called off a two-week investigation which cost more than £100,000. The woman said she had been held up while waiting at traffic lights in Cardiff and forced on a 270-mile drive to north Wales.

Detective Superintendent Mel Pitt, of the South Wales serious crime squad, said: "We are now satisfied that this incident never occurred. A file of papers is being prepared for the Crown Prosecution Service for consideration of proceedings for wasting police time."

After keeping up the pretence to friends and relatives, the woman admitted in a letter and a written statement to police yesterday that her allegations were false. Police refused to say if she gave any reasons for the deception.

Five police forces were involved in the investigation. Helicopters were used in an attempt to trace the route allegedly taken by the car. Fifty officers worked around the clock trying to discover where the alleged attacker had stayed.

One detective working on the case said last night: "It's a real choker. We're all spitting blood. We put so much effort into the case and it was all a waste of time. But this was supposed to have happened at a busy rush-hour time and yet no one else seemed to have seen what happened."

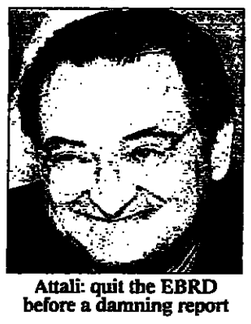
Police were unable to interview the woman about her abduction for 12 hours after the incident on August 9 because she was apparently unable to speak. Eventually she claimed she had been sexually assaulted twice and gave a detailed description of her attacker.

She claimed that he finally fled from the car and she drove on in panic for a few miles before stopping near Mold, Clywd, and slumping by the side of the road. She was found there some time later by passing motorists, who said she was confused and suffering from several small knife wounds.

In April, a Hertfordshire court found a fitness instructor guilty of wasting police time after she staged her own disappearance and alleged rape while suffering from bulimia. She was given a 12-month suspended sentence after sparking a police hunt which cost more than £20,000.

Attali lands lucrative French state post

BY JON ASHWORTH



Attali: quit the EBRD before a damning report

JACQUES Attali, the controversial former president of the European Bank of Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), has returned to a highly-paid post with one of France's most distinguished state organisations.

M Attali, 49, who resigned from his £147,000-a-year post at the EBRD in June amid criticism of his flamboyant lifestyle and extravagant spending policies, will be paid about £54,000 a year as a member of the Council of State, a leading administrative court with which he has a long association. He quit the EBRD last month, just before publication of a damning audit committee report identifying him as the main architect of the bank's excesses.

Frequent use of private jets, night-club bills of £22,000 and a £750,000 bill for marble redecoration attracted the wrath of critics, who claimed that more was spent on the bank's City of London headquarters than on the eastern European nations it was formed to help.

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McGuinness dismisses IRA link as propaganda

BY NICHOLAS WATT

MARTIN McGuinness, the leading Sinn Fein activist, yesterday angrily rejected allegations made in a television documentary that he has orchestrated the IRA's activities in Northern Ireland.

He claimed that Tuesday night's *Cook Report* on ITV, which accused him of directing the intimidation and killing of alleged IRA informers, was part of a black propaganda campaign.

Mr McGuinness, who has served two prison terms in Ireland for IRA membership, said the allegations were scurrilous. "They were also totally untrue. They were part of a continuing black propaganda campaign by the British against Sinn Fein, which obviously leads to Sinn Fein members being murdered by Loyalists."



McGuinness, left, with Sinn Fein's Gerry Adams

As one of the most powerful figures in the republican movement, who admits he has been involved in violence against the security forces, Mr McGuinness has been accused in the past of being the IRA's chief of staff.

He has never been convicted of IRA membership in Northern Ireland, and yesterday he said: "I have never been a member of the IRA. I don't have any sway over the IRA. I am a political representative of the republican movement." Mr McGuinness said he had been libelled in the programme but did not intend to sue. "I have been told by my legal advisers that this would cost up to £500,000," he told the BBC. "They also advised me it is highly unlikely that any British court would find in my favour."

A team of researchers from Central Television spent three months in Ulster interviewing 40 witnesses for the programme. They have given police transcripts of interviews that were too sensitive to be broadcast. An RUC spokesman said the material was being studied.

In the programme a host of victims, including former IRA members, outlined Mr McGuinness's alleged involvement at the heart of IRA operations, including mainland bombings. Liam, a former IRA bomber, said Mr McGuinness dominated the panel which directed the killings. He said: "Some of Martin's plans were really bloodthirsty and twisted."

Paul McGavigan, who was falsely accused by the IRA of being an informer and tortured, said: "He was telling them what to do, and these were the men who kidnapped me."

An 81-year-old mother, whose son Frankie was accused of being an informer, said a friendly Mr McGuinness urged her to ask him to return home. Rose Hegarty said he gave her a guarantee that nothing would happen to him, but he was murdered when he came back.

Unionists said the programme showed the need to reintroduce selective internment for the "godfathers of terrorism". Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, who is his party's security spokesman, said: "How many innocent police, military and civilians would still be alive if very selective internment had been re-introduced?"

Miner confronts energy minister at colliery where three died



Mick Stevens, of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, confronts the energy minister Tim Eggar during his visit to Bilsthorpe colliery yesterday. Mr Stevens said the three men killed in last week's roof fall would have died in vain if the pit were closed. The minister said: "Bilsthorpe is one of the pits which is going through the market-testing procedure. There are difficult times ahead but we will do what we can." Mr Eggar described the roof fall as "a most ghastly tragedy", and said: "I am determined that any lessons which can be learned from this accident will be learned and applied throughout British Coal." During the day it emerged that a tunnel caved in at another north Nottinghamshire pit five days before the Bilsthorpe disaster. Nobody was injured in the incident at Welbeck colliery, which was disclosed by Ken Coates, Labour MEP for Nottingham, who was formerly a miner at Bilsthorpe. An inquest into the three deaths at Bilsthorpe was opened and adjourned yesterday. Ian Rothera, deputy coroner for the county, praised the men and women who had tried to save the victims.

Biffen urges Major to unite Tories behind higher taxes

BY SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Biffen entered the Tory party's debate over tax rises and public spending cuts yesterday, saying John Major's leadership would be tested to the limit by his ability to unite the Conservatives behind an unpopular package of tax increases.

The former chief secretary to the Treasury insisted that both income tax and indirect taxes would have to be raised in the November budget to tackle the £50 billion public spending deficit. Mr Biffen's comments follow a warning from Michael Portillo, the chief secretary to the Treasury, that taxes might have to rise in November. They also emphasise the split within Tory ranks with many right-wingers insisting that tax increases would hit electoral prospects.

Mr Biffen said that to unite the Conservative party around tax increases would require "a quality of political leadership". Asked whether that was now present, he told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*: "That is what the next 18 months will reveal."

Mr Biffen added: "You can't have general increases in indirect taxation, which bears substantially upon middle and lower incomes, without raising income tax, including the top rate." He recognised that ministers would face a battle with right-wing MPs over any increase in income tax.

Another former Treasury minister, Terence Higgins, said yesterday that talk of drastic action to cut the deficit was premature and merely worried voters. Mr Higgins, MP for Worthing, said: "It is not inappropriate to run a deficit during the course of a severe recession. As the recovery takes place, revenues will increase and public expenditure on benefits will decrease."

Beach owner to sue local water board

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decline in the business. The only way I can keep people coming is by discounting."

His common law claim of nuisance and negligence could set a precedent, forcing action by councils which own the vast majority of beaches.

Martyn Day, Mr Saltmarsh's solicitor, said: "He has no alternative but to commence proceedings. On the one hand he is losing money because of the sewage; and further, he has a responsibility for the health of the public who use it."

Chris Hines, general secretary of the national pollution action group, Surfers against Sewage, said: "We are 100 per cent behind this action. We have campaigned without success for Croyde to be part of the major clean-up scheme proposed by South West Water. They say that despite daily washed-up sewage, tests show that the mandatory EC bathing water directives are not being breached. But these tests are completely ineffective."

Alan Smith, a spokesman for South West Water, confirmed the receipt of a letter and said they would be responding to it. However, the authority's clean-sweep programme, which was aimed at bringing the beaches up to EC directive standards, was not affecting Croyde. It already reached those standards.

Whitehall chiefs stay in class of their own

BY SHEILA GUNN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE top echelons of Britain's civil service are still dominated by men educated at public schools and Oxbridge in spite of John Major's pursuit of a classless society.

According to the latest edition of the *Whitehall Companion*, containing biographies of 1,150 leading bureaucrats, more than half went to Oxford or Cambridge. Lower down the scale were the London School of Economics, Edinburgh, Birmingham and Glasgow universities.

Public and grammar schools also turned out most senior civil servants with Eton, Rugby, Marlborough, Winchester and Dulwich College the most frequently mentioned.

The only sign of crumbling in the traditional profile appears on the highest rung, with five of the 18 permanent secretaries educated at non-Oxbridge establishments.

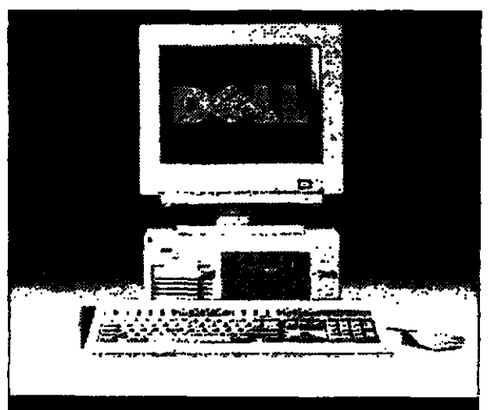
Sir Terence Burns, the Treasury's top mandarin, and Richard Packer, permanent secretary at the agriculture department, went to Manchester; Patrick Brown at the transport department attended London University; Richard Mottram at the Office of Public Service and Science, to Keele; and the Scottish Office's Sir Russell Hillhouse is appropriately a product of Glasgow University. Seven permanent secretaries attended Cambridge and six went to Oxford.

Despite a handful of high-profile women, such as the MI5 chief Stella Rimington and the Director of Public Prosecutions Barbara Mills, the top ranks of the civil service are dominated by white males from the middle class. Out of all the entrants, only 8.6 per cent are women, up slightly on last year.

Robin Cook, for Labour, said: "Governments may change, but the civil service appears to stay the same. If we are to get government decisions to reflect the nature of modern Britain, they must be taken by people who are part of that modern Britain."

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Record results put pressure on Patten

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results were excellent and showed the error of the government's plan to alter the balance of GCSE courses by reducing coursework. "Right-wing obsession with simplistic testing fuels the prejudice against continuous assessment, one of the main strengths of GCSE. Why tinker with a successful formula?"

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat education spokesman, said the rise in pass rates underlined the need to clear the bottleneck in university places.

"As we get better results, we are raising young people's expectations over what comes next, be it jobs or higher education. Neither area is being planned properly at the moment," he said.

The first lists of places in the clearing operation for degree courses brought a further rush of enquiries to universities. Campus switchboards were jammed with callers chasing scarce places in the arts and social sciences.

In the traditional universities, where the demand for places is greatest, more than 117,000 applications had been rejected yesterday, at least 12,000 more than at the same point last year. The majority of the 47,500 hopefuls still waiting to learn their fate will be rejected. The new universities, former polytechnics and colleges, are also rejecting more applicants than they did in 1992.

Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North and a former Conservative education minister, called for an investigation into the standards of GCSEs to ensure there was no "devaluation in the examination's currency."

He said the improved grades were in stark contrast to complaints by employers about the standards of literacy and numeracy among young job applicants.

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Labour to disband NHS trust boards

BY JILL SHERMAN
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday pledged to scrap NHS trust boards as Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, announced that almost all hospitals would be self-governing by 1995.

A consultative document on Labour's health policy is to be published in October calling for trust boards to be disbanded and GP fund-holding to be abolished.

The document, drawn up by David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, will leave NHS trusts in limbo, outside health authority control but not directly accountable to the secretary of state, as now. The self-governing hospitals would retain some autonomy



Blunkett: in favour of limited devolution

but would be accountable to the local community, possibly to the local authority. They would no longer have the same powers to expand private bed numbers.

Mr Blunkett's document will replace the policy on which Labour fought the last election, which called for NHS trusts to be abolished. He argued yesterday that it would be unrealistic to go back to the position before trusts were set up.

Mr Blunkett insisted that Labour wished to end the commercialisation within the NHS, but admitted that the party would keep some of the management devolution. "We are not going back to the 1989 health service which in itself was a Tory structure," he said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Thorp uranium test run alarms critics

Test amounts of uranium are to be run through the controversial nuclear fuel reprocessing plant (Thorp) at Sellafield, the government announced yesterday. The news reinforces critics' belief that the government is poised to grant the facility a full operational licence.

Chris Smith, the shadow environmental protection spokesman, denounced the decision for making a sham of the government's public consultation process, which ends on October 4. Under yesterday's approval, which comes into force on September 2, British Nuclear Fuels can pass up to 60 tonnes of depleted and natural uranium through Thorp. Dr Edwin Lyman of the centre for energy and environmental studies at Princeton University, said he agreed with the company's assertions that contamination from the tests would be negligible.

Charter misses target

John Major's attempt to improve the lot of consumers, the Citizen's Charter, has escaped the attention of many who could benefit from it, according to an opinion poll ordered by the government. The survey of 3,000 people, conducted by ICM, found that 28 per cent had never heard of it. Ignorance was greatest in Scotland and Wales and among women and the lower social classes. The prime minister has made the charter a key feature of his leadership and holds Downing Street summits every six months to discuss its progress.

Police chief joins protest

The chief constable of Gwent called on the home secretary to scrap the Sheehy report on police reforms. John Over urged Michael Howard instead to set up a Royal Commission on the role of police. Mr Over told a Police Federation rally at Newport, Gwent, that he feared a reduction in cash while workloads increased and local accountability disappeared.

Blandford fined £1,000

The Marquess of Blandford was fined £1,000 at Horseferry Road magistrates' court in London yesterday for failing to pay taxi fares. The 37-year-old son of the Duke of Marlborough admitted all six charges. Blandford, heir to Blenheim Palace, was also ordered to pay £100 prosecution costs and £179 compensation.

Clue to explorer's fate

The remains of a ship's boat found in a remote Arctic bay could hold a clue to the fate of British explorer Sir John Franklin and the 134 officers and men of HMS *Erebus* and HMS *Terror*, lost nearly 150 years ago while attempting to circumnavigate America. An international expedition announced the find in Paris yesterday.

Officers let fugitive wed

Police traced an escaped prisoner to a register office and then allowed him to get married before arresting him, it was disclosed yesterday. Kevin Flynn, 34, who escaped from Rudgate Open Prison, Wetherby, West Yorkshire, 15 months ago, posed for pictures with his bride Michelle Lister, 24, at Leeds register office before being taken to prison.

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As Los Angeles police investigate, pop star suffers from 'dehydration' during tour of Thailand

Jackson cancels concert after child abuse claim

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

MICHAEL Jackson cancelled a concert in Thailand yesterday as police in California continued to investigate allegations of child sex abuse against the 34-year-old singer. Jackson cited acute dehydration as the reason for the cancellation and has not indicated whether he plans to continue his 15-concert tour.

The criminal investigation began last week after a therapist told the Los Angeles Department of Children Services that one of his patients, a 13-year-old boy, had told him he was fondled by Jackson during a visit to the pop star's home.

The boy, Jordan Chandler, is the son of Evan Chandler, a wealthy Beverly Hills dentist. His estranged parents are currently locked in a child custody battle, and legal documents indicate Dr Chandler has attempted to obtain a court order preventing the boy's mother June from allowing Jordan to see or communicate with Jackson.

Jackson's aides insist he is the victim of a failed attempt to extort $20 million (£13 million). According to television reports, Dr Chandler threatened to file a civil suit against Jackson after discovering his son had been abused, but later offered to accept a cash settlement. When Jackson declined, the dentist took his son to the therapist, who subsequently contacted the child welfare agency and initiated the police investigation. Under Californian law, therapists are required to report allegations of child sex abuse to the police.

The dentist's lawyer has declined to comment on the charges.

Jordan apparently built up a close relationship with Jackson, who is known to surround himself with animals and children, over the course of several months. The boy's mother took Jordan and his stepsister, aged five, to visit Jackson at his ranch in June after they met at the World Music Awards in Monte Carlo earlier this year. The 13-year-old became a regular visitor, apparently idolising the pop star and copying his every characteristic, from his clothes to his dance steps.



Weitzman: statement on Jackson's behalf

Jackson, whose 35th birthday is on Sunday, reportedly refers to Jordan, his mother and sister as his "family".

Jackson has befriended a number of children, including child film stars Macaulay Culkin and Emmanuel Lewis, apparently to compensate for what he has described as a friendless and unhappy childhood. Turning his ranch into a children's fantasy playground, complete with a zoo and fun fair, Jackson is himself a man-child, preferring the company of children and Bubbles, a pet chimpanzee, to adults.

Michael Freeman, a lawyer for Jordan's mother, insists she knows nothing of any abuse or extortion attempts. "She was shocked at what the allegations are," he said. "She had no idea whatsoever that anything was going on of that nature or she would have stopped it."

Police raided Jackson's ranch, Neverland, and his apartment in Los Angeles on Saturday and confiscated videotapes and photographs. Since then, detectives have declined to provide any further details of the case.

Immediately after news of the allegations became public, Jackson issued a statement through his lawyer, Howard Weitzman, saying he intended to carry on with his "Dangerous" concert tour and was confident police would conduct a "full and thorough investigation". But a second statement yesterday said he was too exhausted to perform and was receiving liquid intravenously. "Michael expends so much effort and energy because his performance is so important to him," said Stuart Finkelstein, his personal doctor.

Long a target of fascination due to his peculiar habits and lifestyle, Jackson's reputation may already be sullied beyond redemption. "Peter Pan or Pervert?" questioned the front page of the *New York Post* yesterday.

Like so much of Jackson's life, the investigation is shrouded in mystery and speculation. The police are saying little about the case, Jackson is saying nothing and the gossip columnists can talk of little else.

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Michael Jackson and Jordan Chandler together in Monte Carlo in May for a music award ceremony

Women leave seven children in house and go on holiday

BY RICHARD DUCE

TWO mothers left their seven children, one a nine-month-old girl, to fend for themselves at home while they went on holiday together.

The four boys and three girls were placed in the care of foster parents after they were discovered at the house the women shared in Dorking, Surrey.

The children were left by their mothers on Sunday, apparently to be looked after by the eldest child, a 14-year-old boy, and a 16-year-old girl who was asked to call round to babysit. Social services were alerted the next day and went with police to the semi-detached council house where they confirmed the children had been abandoned.

On Tuesday, a county court judge made all seven children the subject of a 28-day interim care order. One allegation understood to have been presented to the court is that the two women were in a lesbian relationship.

The order by Judge Cook at Reigate County Court under the Children Act prevents the publication of anything that might identify the children.

Last night, the babysitter attempted to defend the women's action. She said: "They just wanted to get away for a while. Looking after seven children 24 hours a day is not easy. It was completely out of order for somebody to contact social services."

The children have told social workers that they do not know where their mothers are on holiday. The women face arrest on their return. Surrey police believe they are somewhere in Britain and had intended to return home tomorrow.

Alan Rhodes, Surrey's assistant director of social services, said yesterday: "Obviously the children are concerned and have been upset. But our staff are trained in counselling children.

"We must not jump to any conclusions about this case. We are trying to trace the mothers as soon as possible. We will discuss with the parents why this situation has happened and the circumstances, and then discuss with the mothers the future of their children."

The case is the latest in a series of incidents to come to light in recent months. Last week, Heidi Colwell was freed on appeal after serving 17 days of a six-month jail sentence for leaving her two-year-old daughter Jessica at home alone all day while she went out to work.

In February, 11-year-old Gemma Gibson was placed in care after her mother, Yasmin Gibson, 32, an actress, went on holiday to Spain.

☐ A couple who left their three children at home while they went to a public house were jailed for three months at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

The mother, 30, and her husband, 28, admitted neglecting their boy and two girls aged between four and seven at Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.

Pregnant supervisor sacked on honeymoon

A MANAGING director attended an employee's wedding then sacked her while she was on honeymoon, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Karen Joyson-Bechal, 34, claims that Dean Street Marketing, a south London advertising agency, sacked her as sales promotions account supervisor because she was pregnant. She told a Croydon industrial tribunal that the company chairman had said to her that marketing and motherhood did not mix.

Mrs Joyson-Bechal is claiming sexual discrimination against the company where she worked for six years before being made redundant last September, on returning from her honeymoon in South Africa.

She told the tribunal that the managing director, Jonathon Cooper, had attended her wedding before going to a board meeting where it was decided to sack her.

She added that her bosses made clear their reservations about pregnant employees. "When I told Jonathon Cooper that I was pregnant, his response was, 'Good heavens, can't any of you women wait until you are married'." He then said he could not take her to a business meeting because of her condition.

The company, based in Battersea, denies sexual discrimination and says Mrs Joyson-Bechal, of Barnes, lost her £27,000-a-year job as part of a redundancy programme aimed at saving the company.

The tribunal reserved its decision.

United are torn off a strip

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

MANCHESTER United, the Premier League champions, were criticised yesterday by the Consumers' Association for frequently changing the design of their strip, enticing young supporters and their parents to buy more replica kits.

Check It Out, the association's youth magazine, also criticised the high price of the kits. All but three teams in the Premiership charge more than £40 for junior strips, which loyal youngsters buy so that they can look like their heroes.

The magazine said that United, who this season will challenge for the European Cup, had "scooped the award for the most frequent changes". Sue Harvey, the editor, said: "Most clubs change either their home or away kit every season. Manchester United has had four changes over the last 12 months or so. That seems particularly excessive."

United last year introduced a red and white home kit, a blue away strip and a yellow and green standby strip, and this season they have added a black away strip. The junior kits cost £47. For Galsgow Celtic, the cost is £51.



Eric Cantona in this season's home shirt



Bryan Robson cuts a dash in the away strip

Ms Harvey said: "The clubs are using the loyalty of their supporters to charge big prices. Young supporters feel under pressure to support their teams, which can put major financial pressure on their parents." Clubs receive money for allowing their kit to be reproduced by manufacturers and also sell kits in their own shops.

Danny McGregor, United's commercial manager, said: "We do not force anybody to buy the kits, but it is about fashion."

Peter Draper, marketing director of Umbro International, which makes the United strip, said the prices were not too high. "People are paying for the right of association."

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Father makes final stand in £500,000 child custody battle

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A FATHER whose nine-year legal battle for the custody of his son has seen more than 90 court applications at an estimated cost to the taxpayer of £500,000 will go to the Court of Appeal next month in a final challenge for victory.

Mr S recently lost his marathon fight to look after his 12-year-old son, despite the wishes of the son, described as "sophisticated and articulate", to be with him.

The judges dealt a second blow by reducing his contact with the boy from every fortnight to four weeks a year. Trips to the boy's American grandparents were cut from three a year to one.

Last week, the father said he was "devastated by the decisions", the climax of a custody battle that has highlighted the laboriousness of the legal system in such cases.

The case also raises questions about the workings of the Children Act 1989, which is founded on the principle that the voice of the child should be heeded, and which has prompted a spate of legal actions from children who have used the courts to demand the right to live with the adult of their choice.

The boy, who was represented by the Official Solicitor, was refused separate representation in a test decision even though the Official Solicitor's recommendations did not accord with his wishes.

For the father, the ruling means that his closest relationship now hangs on whether he will win leave next month to challenge the court's ruling.

"This whole thing has really taken over my life," he said. "My former wife is on legal aid and I estimate the case has cost the taxpayers some £500,000 to date. I can't afford lawyers and am having to represent myself."

The case goes back to the late 1970s when Mr S, a jazz pianist and computer software expert, moved to Europe from California. He met his former wife, ten years younger than him, in Paris. They married and returned to America where their son was born. Three years later, the family came to London.

The marriage had collapsed a year later. A voluntary separation agreement lasted for about nine months until the divorce. This, according to Mr S, is where the fighting began. "My wife got a very aggressive solicitor and was on legal aid — and in no time I had spent about £5,000 in legal costs. I wanted to wait and have a divorce after a two-year separation but my wife wouldn't agree to that."

That was the start of endless court appearances. Fortnightly visits by the boy to his father were agreed. However, according to Mr S his wife made access difficult and opposed a visit to America to visit the boy's grandparents.

Perhaps the most ludicrous occasion, he said, was when he had free tickets to take his son, a budding pianist, to a New Orleans blues concert at the Festival Hall. "She refused to let him go, so I had to apply to court again to get an order — those free tickets ended up costing about £3,000 each."

Britain's chess prodigy is king of the castlers

BY ROBIN YOUNG

LUKE McShane, aged nine, the youngest chess player to earn an official world ranking, has every intention of rising still further in the league tables of world chess.

Last night, he drew with the Dutch woman Fide master Henneke Van Parreren in the Lloyds Bank Masters tournament in London. Assured a world ranking after defeating Josh Manion, the Wisconsin state champion, Luke has five more games to improve his ranking, likely to be at least 2160.

He is a Fide Master, having qualified for that title when he became the youngest ever world under-10 champion at the age of eight. Luke is the youngest player to have beaten a world chess federation master with a rating over 2300.

Luke's style is disconcerting to many opponents, since he seems to carry a picture of the board in his head. He often looks around at other players or wanders off to study other games. He is untroubled by television cameras and crowds of spectators. His opponents often have to seek respite from attention while they grapple with the problems posed by the boy from Clapham, southwest London.

He was taught to play, when aged five, by his grandfather, soon finding him "easy to beat". By the time he was six-and-a-half he was regularly beating his father, and experts now rate Luke's performances better than those of the other British chess prodigies Nigel Short and Michael Adams, at the same age.

Luke is looking forward to Short's confrontation with Gary Kasparov in *The Times* World Chess Championship which begins on September 7. He will be rooting for Short, but believes Kasparov must be the favourite.



Luke McShane, the youngest chess player with a world ranking

TV stations to screen 75 hours on title match

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC2 and Channel 4 will transmit more than 75 hours of programmes on *The Times* World Chess Championship, which starts next month.

Peter Snow and Francine Stock will present BBC2's coverage, which will start on Sunday, September 5, with *Chess Wars*, an introductory programme that explores the world championship and the rival tournament being organised by the world chess federation (Fide).

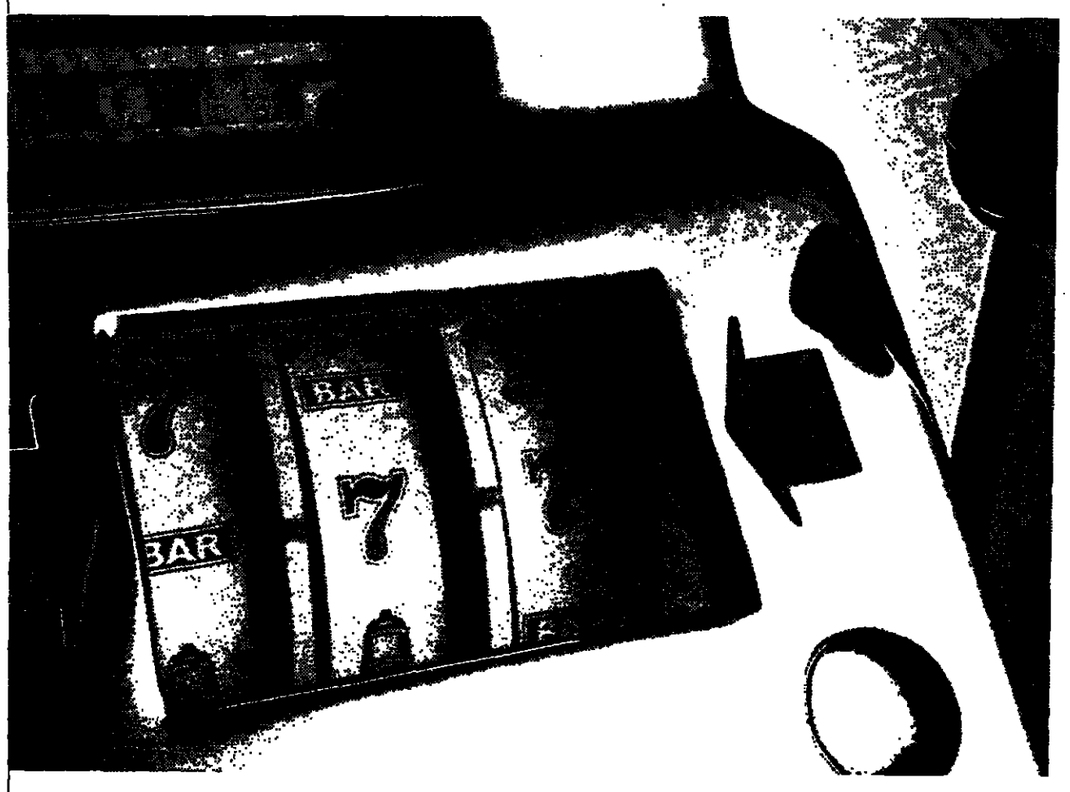
In the *Times* tournament, the Russian world champion Gary Kasparov will play the British challenger Nigel Short in 24 matches at The Savoy Theatre, London.

The chess commentator William Hartston and the British grandmaster David Norwood will analyse the moves for BBC2, and Dominic Lawson will report from the Savoy.

Channel 4 will have two live broadcasts and a late-night round-up of play each weekday. Carol Vorderman will host the programmes, with analysis by grandmasters.

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THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

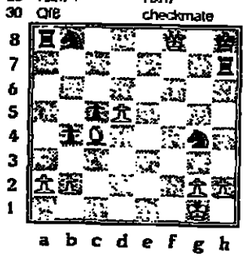
Lloyds Bank Masters

AFTER five rounds of this year's Lloyds Bank Masters, Paul van der Sterren holds the clear lead with a maximum five points from five games. In joint second place with four and a half points are Nunn and Plaskett. Pre-tournament favourite Michael Adams crashed again, this time to Peter Wells.

The Masters is Britain's strongest open tournament and features a host of grandmasters and international masters. Three years ago, Stuart Conquest was the winner ahead of Michael Adams and the Russian grandmaster Alexei Suetin. This was one of the most exciting games.

White: Stuart Conquest
Black: Julian Hodgson
Lloyds Bank Masters 1990
Benko Gambit

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	c5
3	d5	b5
4	cxb5	a6
5	f3	axb5
6	e4	Qa5+
7	Bd2	b4
8	Na3	Ba6
9	Nc4	Bxc4
10	Bxc4	d6
11	Qe2	g6
12	f4	Bh6
13	Nh3	0-0
14	0-0	Nfd7
15	e5	dxe5
16	fxe5	Bxd2
17	Qxd2	Nxe5
18	Qh6	Ng4
19	Qg5	f5
20	Nf4	Kh8
21	Rf3	Rf6
22	Rh3	Qb6
23	Re1	Qd6
24	Rxe7	Qxe7
25	Nxg6+	Rxg6
26	Qxe7	Rg7
27	Qf8+	Rg8
28	Qxd5	Rg7
29	Rxh7+	Rxh7
30	Qf8	checkmate



a b c d e f g h

Reader's game

Times reader R. Myers of Bristol has submitted the following game, played thirty years ago, in response to my request for wins by *Times* readers against world champions.

White: V Smyslov
Black: R Myers
Simultaneous, Bristol 1963

Dutch Defence

1	d4	f5
2	c4	e6
3	Nc3	Nf6
4	Bg5	Be7
5	e3	b6
6	Bd3	Bb7
7	f3	c5
8	Nge2	Nc6
9	0-0	0-0
10	a3	Qe8
11	d5	Ne5
12	e4	Qg6
13	Bf4	Nxd3
14	Qxd3	Nh5
15	Be3	f4
16	Bf2	e5
17	Rfd1	d6
18	b4	Bc8
19	bxc5	Bh3
20	g4	fxg3
21	hxg3	Rf7
22	cxd6	Bh4
23	Kh2	Raf8
24	f4	exf4
25	Kxh3	bxg3
26	Be3	Rf3
27	Kg2	Rf2+
28	Kg1	Qg4
29	Bxf2	gxf2+
30	K11	Rf3
31	Qxf3	Qxf3

White resigns

Chess in Somerset

King's School, Bruton in Somerset is organising an Under-13 team tournament for teams of four players. The event takes place on September 26 and the venue is about two hours from London. Lunch and tea will be provided and there will be simultaneous displays between games. For information call 0749 813326.

World Championship update

For tickets, from as little as £30, to the Kasparov v Short World Chess Championship match at the Savoy Theatre, London, in September and October, ring the First Call hotline on 071 497 9977.

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CHESS — THE MOVIE

THE first view of Rick (Humphrey Bogart) in *Casablanca* shows him playing solitaire chess. The scene was suggested to the director, Mike Curtiz, by the actor himself, for Bogie was an addict.

Probably the strongest player of all the biggest film stars, Bogart was obsessed by the game from his student days onwards. In the depths of the great depression, Bogart lived near a New York chess café with a resident "expert" who hustled customers for dimes. The actor beat the expert so often that the café owner offered him the job. Bogart declined, but chess hustling up and down Broadway made an appreciable difference to his family's standard of living.

Years later, when he had become box-office magic, he still hustled chess — in Hollywood and for much larger sums.

Marlon Brando played chess on the set of *Julius Caesar*. While filming, he gave an interview to a Hollywood reporter on condition they played chess. The reporter thrashed him. Brando's comment: "That was the worst interview I ever gave."

Bob Hope played once, and memorably. On a TV spectacular in 1972 he became one of the handful of people who have beaten Bobby Fischer. It is just possible that Fischer, for once in his life, was not entirely serious.

☐ Extracted from *The Even More Complete Chess Addict*, by Mike Fox and Richard James (Faber & Faber: £10.99)

Inmates try to prolong stay so that they can enjoy basking in the sun at first privately run jail

Tumim denounces easy life in Group 4 prison

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S first privatised jail offers a regime of "corrupting lethargy" in which prisoners lie in bed, bask in the sun, enjoy easy access to hard drugs and ignore high-quality education facilities, the chief inspector of prisons says today.

Inmates have repeatedly pleaded not guilty in court to prolong their stay and enjoy excellent conditions at The Wolds remand prison, near Hull, Humberside, according to a report from Judge Stephen Tumim.

One prisoner escaped by dressing in women's clothing and walking out with visitors. Tables in the visiting room had to be lowered to stop sexual activity between inmates and visitors.

The 306 prisoners are given keys to their cells, are addressed as "mister" by Group 4 staff and are out of their cells for 14 hours a day. They can spend up to £30 a day of their own money. Judge Tumim praises the staff at the jail, which is run by Group 4.

But he criticises weaknesses in the contract between the Home Office and Group 4 and the lack of financial checks which made it "impossible" to determine whether the jail offered value for money.

Many of the difficulties at The Wolds are the result of it being for remand prisoners only. Judge Tumim recommends that sentenced prisoners should be sent there in an attempt to encourage inmates to take part in activities. Remand prisoners are presumed to be innocent, and cannot be compelled to take part in work or education. Laziness and trouble have also been reported at remand units run by the prison service at Reading and Lincoln.

Judge Tumim's report, made after a nine-day inspection at the jail in May found high levels of assaults and unacceptably high levels of drug availability. He said the agreement between Group 4 and the Home Office did not require the company to help inmates to lead a useful life.

"The result is lethargy. At The Wolds, inmates lie abed more or less as long as they wish. Few of them go to breakfast, or use the excellent facilities for physical and mental education. There is little work. They play a little pool and table tennis. If the sun is out, they bask. They doze a great deal."

Judge Tumim added: "For many inmates it is a wholly acceptable life, and they are anxious to delay their cases coming to trial."

His report found that, in the 12 months to March 31, there had been 29 recorded assaults by inmates on staff, 21 attacks on other inmates, two incidents of food refusal, three rooftop incidents and nine concerted acts of indiscipline. Drugs had been found on 46 occasions and some prisoners said all drugs, including heroin and cocaine, were more easily available at The Wolds than in other prisons.

The report estimated that it cost £312 a week to keep a prisoner but that excluded the cost of fuel and water which were paid by the taxpayer.

Walter MacGowan, director of The Wolds, yesterday defended the regime offered to prisoners and denied that inmates lived a "pampered" existence. He admitted that small amounts of heroin and cocaine had been found but said staff had at first been naive in dealing with sophisticated criminals. "I don't believe now that they are hoodwinked by anybody."

Derek Lewis, director general of the prison service, said there was no complacency and praised the excellent start made at The Wolds.

☐ *Wolds Remand Prison.* Report by Chief Inspector of Prisons (Home Office, £1.50)

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Tim Clifton, a Group 4 guard, carries out a search at The Wolds where drugs have been found 46 times

Public resistance puts bail hostels target in jeopardy

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

HOSTILITY from a public fearful of having potential criminals living near by is threatening the government's drive to increase the number of bail hostels.

"Not in my back yard" campaigns across England and Wales have scored a series of successes and forced local probation committees to abandon plans to open hostels for alleged offenders on bail, people on probation and prisoners leaving jail.

Attempts by ministers and officials to overcome anxiety by conducting lengthy consultation exercises with local communities have meant no new bail hostel places being provided since last autumn.

Public concern will increase with a report published today on approved bail hostels, which says there is much potential for violence from an unpredictable mix of convicted and unconvicted residents, many of them young men with a series of problems, including drug abuse.

Graham Smith, the chief inspector of probation, denied yesterday that the programme to meet a government commitment to provide up to 3,200 places by March 1996 had come to a halt. But he added: "It has never been more difficult to get hostels built. Individual probation services are undertaking the most elaborate public relations exercises, but it is still proving difficult. In some areas, all parties are against us."

Protesters in Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne, forced the local probation committee to look for another site after producing a 4,000-signature petition and occupying the proposed site. In York, the probation committee is still attempting to persuade residents to accept proposals for a £650,000 hostel; there are similar difficulties in Blackpool.

Residents at Bramley, Surrey, achieved their aim two months ago when the probation committee abandoned proposals to develop a 42-bed hostel, the biggest in Britain. The building is now for sale and the committee has identified other sites.

The survey published today finds that hostels house anxious, disorganised, bored and despondent individuals who are in danger of fuelling each other's depression. "There was much potential violence, arising as much from the unpredictability of the mix of these individuals as from the personality and behaviour of any one individual." It is also critical of the condition of some hostels and says that the incidence of drug and alcohol abuse in them is high.

☐ *Approved Probation and Bail Hostels.* Report of a thematic inspection (HM Inspectorate of Probation, Home Office)

Pens sharpened in battle of poets

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE Poetry Society is bracing itself for more internal strife at next month's annual general meeting.

The poets Alan Brownjohn and George Whiteman this week tabled a motion calling for all 21 members of the council, which includes the poets Fleur Adcock and Roger McGough, to resign. It demands a postal ballot among the society's more than 2,000 members to elect a new council, and for an interim body to be elected.

An anonymous letter has been circulated calling on members to attend on September 4 and vote the council out.

But the society's management team, facing the possible withdrawal of its £148,000 Arts Council grant after a critical appraisal, is resisting. It claims that the society's ills stem from a few vocal activists who seek to destroy the society. The director Chris Green and the deputy chairman Richard Tyrrell are rallying supporters and calling for unity in an institution long riven by faction.

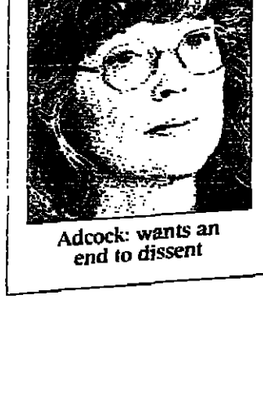
The management wants the society to be an information centre and to encourage poetry events and education. Mr Brownjohn, chairman of the society from 1982-8, says that is too dull. He would prefer a "national poetry centre where ordinary poets and ordinary readers could go and rub shoulders with great poets".

The society's accounts show it with a £14,000 surplus for the last financial year, but Mr Whiteman's calculations put it £17,000 in the red.

Mr Brownjohn believes that a new set of councillors would placate the Arts Council and rejuvenate the society. But Mr Tyrrell says that stability is needed; minority dissent should stop. "If the council had not been riven by factions over the years, its national role would have been far more innovative and aggressively promoted."

Ms Adcock agrees. She "wants the society to be calmly getting on with its job" and labelled the motion "malicious damage".

Mr McGough said: "The people who actually got us into a mess when they were in power are trying to get control again."



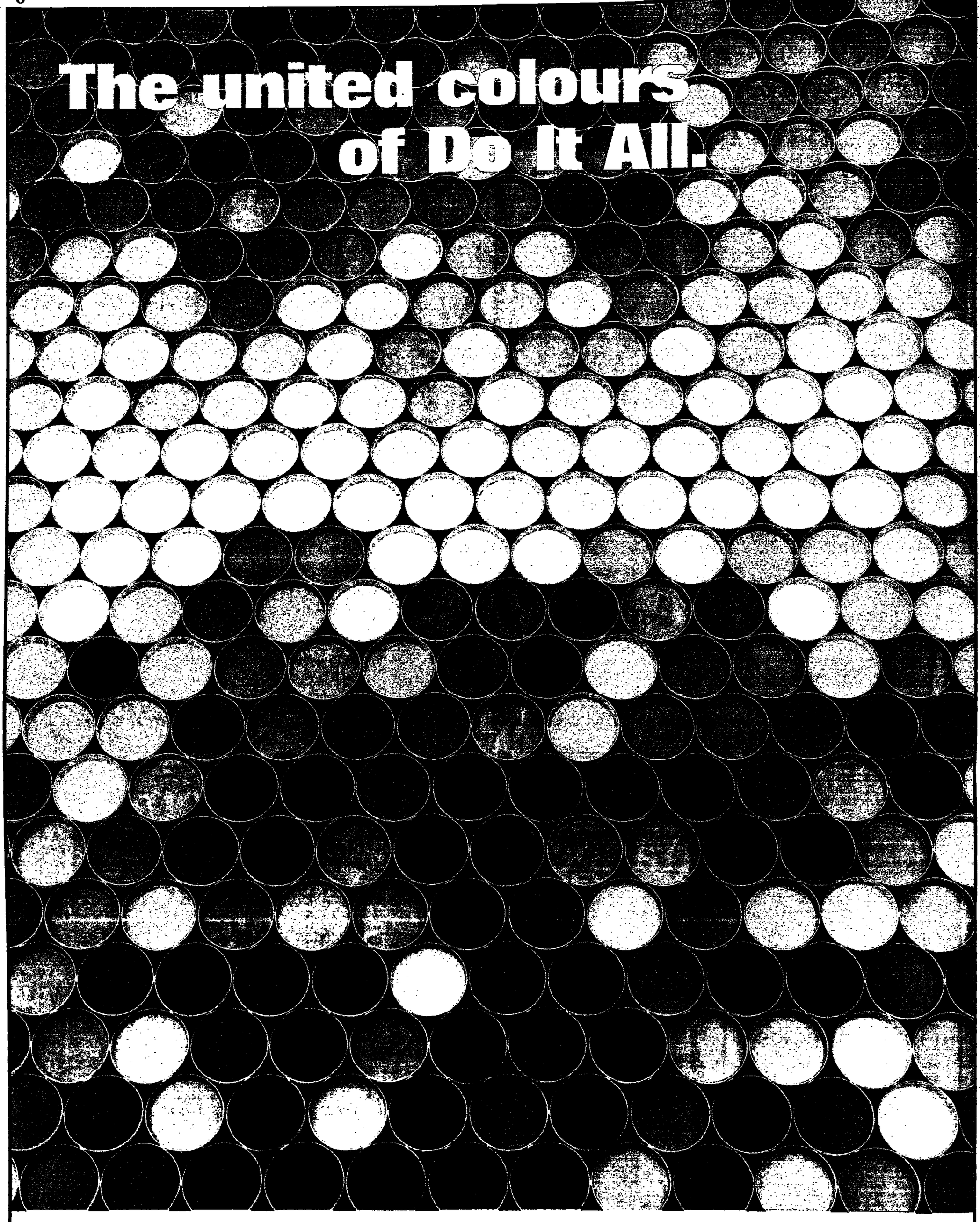
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Doctors start gene therapy treatment for cystic fibrosis

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE first British trial of a revolutionary new treatment for cystic fibrosis begins today at the Royal Brompton Hospital in London.

Six volunteers who inherited a faulty gene from their parents will be given the correct gene in the form of a spray into their noses and lungs. The hope is that it will put right the defect that causes their lungs to fill with thick mucus, making them prone to infection.

About two million people carry the genetic defect, but it produces symptoms only when children inherit the faulty gene from both parents. Improved treatments have increased survival rates, but sufferers — there are about 6,000 in Britain — generally



Alton: will measure the trial's progress

die in their 20s. The isolation of the gene responsible by researchers in Toronto in 1989 opened the way for the treatment, a landmark in the application of new genetic knowledge. The gene, which lies on chromosome 7, is responsible for producing a protein called Cystic Fibrosis Transmembrane Regulating factor (CFTR) which controls the flow of chloride ions across cell membranes.

A child with the faulty gene in both copies of chromosome 7 is unable to produce the protein, causing an imbalance in the cells of the airways in the lung.

The trial will be conducted by the Brompton's specialist cystic fibrosis unit, under Dr Duncan Geddes and Dr Margaret Hodson, in collaboration with Professor Bob Williamson at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, and Dr David Porteous and Dr Julia Dorin of the Medical Research Council's human genetics unit in Edinburgh.

The spray will be a mixture of genes and fat particles called liposomes. To begin with, the mixture will be sprayed into the nose, whose cells are similar to those of the lung. If all goes well, the airways of the lungs will also be treated.

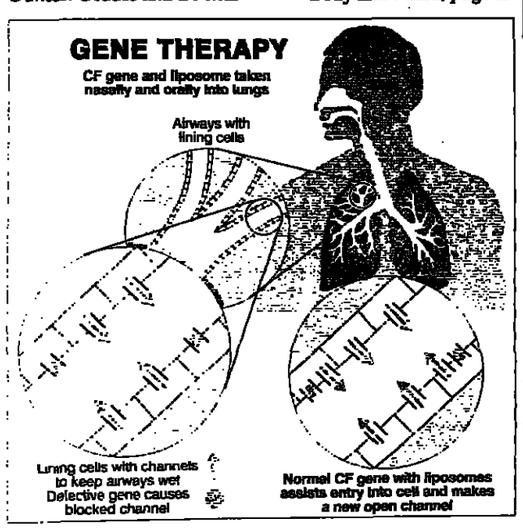
The fatty liposome particles are similar to the material that makes up the cell membrane, or wall, and will merge with the cells "like two soap bubbles coming together", Professor Williamson says. The process should insert the gene into the cells, where it will produce the missing protein.

Six men will be given the gene therapy while another three are given inactive liposomes to act as controls. Progress will be monitored using nasal electrical measurements developed by Dr Eric Alton of the Royal Brompton. Only Dr Hodson will know which patients are getting active treatment and which are controls. She will stop the trial if any ill-effects are seen.

One of the volunteers, Darren Keen, a 23-year caterer from Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, said yesterday that he was just pleased to be able to help. "I've been assured there are no risks, and I know it isn't a cure," he said. He needs physiotherapy twice a day, and takes "about 70 tablets" every day to control the course of the disease.

Dr Geddes believes gene therapy may be more effective, though it cannot reverse the damage already done. The first results of the trial are expected in November and if they are good a bigger trial will start. If successful, the technique could become a mainstream therapy in about five years and herald a new era of treatment of inherited diseases.

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Quick test could save thousands of patients

BY RICHARD DUCE

A SIMPLE test often ignored by family doctors could save the lives of thousands of people at risk from kidney disease, a renal specialist said yesterday.

The cheap litmus-type test can give an early warning of illness and help to prevent the 4,000 cases of chronic kidney disease each year, Dr Tony Wing of St Thomas' Hospital, London, said. Early detection could help to save hundreds of thousands of pounds spent on dialysis and transplant treatments.

Dr Wing said: "Care of kidney disease in this country is at a primitive level and we do not compare very well with other parts of the world, particularly Europe. In other countries, patients with problems are detected earlier and arrive for treatment earlier."

Dr Wing, speaking at the launch of the National Kidney Research Fund's Gift of Life Day, said he wanted GPs to make more use of a test developed five years ago that costs less than £1. It detects the amount of protein in urine. Too much protein may indicate that the kidneys are not functioning efficiently and that the patient should be referred to a specialist.

Early screening for kidney disease is particularly important for children. Twenty per cent of kidney failure in adult life could be prevented if children with persistent urinary tract infection (UTI) were screened for a condition known as reflux, which can scar the kidneys and lead to failure.

Yesterday, the mother of a child with reflux called for greater public and medical awareness. Amanda Arghebant, of Hampstead, north-west London, whose daughter Fredericka, 5, was diagnosed only after ten bouts of UTI in 12 months, said: "The frustrating thing is that the condition can be detected easily by supplying a urine sample and can be treated extremely successfully, but most parents and even a lot of doctors are not sufficiently aware of it.

"Consequently, in most cases it is left undiagnosed and its symptoms go unrecognised, making it a hidden, silent killer."

CHRIS HARRIS



Dr Tony Wing at St Thomas' with, left to right, Fredericka Arghebant, 5, Claire Mitchell, 5, and her sister Elizabeth, 3, another reflux sufferer

Pineapple cloth is fruit of the loom

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

PEOPLE could soon be covering chairs, hanging curtains and stepping out in clothes woven from pineapples after the discovery of a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way of extracting fibres from the leaves of the fruit.

The result is a range of tough and long-lasting materials that can be woven to resemble jute or felt for use in clothing, coverings, mats, marine rope and shoe laces.

In developing the process, which involves a specially designed manual pressing and weaving machine, the researchers have rediscovered a technique known to 18th century tailors — the National Trust owns a woman's scarf from that century woven from pineapple cloth.

Tests indicate that the pineapple, cultivated across Africa, Asia and the Caribbean, could also hold the clue to a range of environmentally friendly roof tiles, novel plastics, packaging materials and fuels.

After the fibres have been extracted from the leaves, the waste can be turned into corrugated roof tiles, pineapple-reinforced plastics, papers and briquettes.

The findings, published by the Textile Institute in Manchester, have come from a team of scientists led by Indra Doraiswamy, deputy director of the South India Textile Research Association in Coimbatore and a fellow of the institute.

The research has been backed by the United Nations under a development programme aimed at developing technologies to make fabrics from unconventional fibres.

Miss Doraiswamy said the modern potential in the developing world for pineapple fibre was vast, given the low cost of the new process. The researchers have also solved the problem of degumming the fibre and have found that it dyes better than cotton.

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Parents share the agony of pupils' wait for results

*With career hopes dependent on GCSE grades, parents try not to pressurise their anxious children, **Joe Joseph** writes*

PARENTS of about 500,000 GCSE candidates will today finally stop chewing their nails, find out their children's examination grades, and let out a yelp — being sure to make the yelp sound joyous even if the grades are not.

"We're going to collect the results from the school," said Rita Smith, whose daughter Nicola attends Loreto College, a girls school in St Albans, Hertfordshire. "We'll be there at 10. She's waited long enough.

"If you had to live through it, you'd know. It's awful. Nicola's been dreaming about it for a fortnight. Some were nightmares, some quite pleasant. I told both my girls, 'If you do your best there's no need to blame yourself'."

Masking hopes can be as tricky as camouflaging disappointment. Is Caroline Holdsworth expecting Adam, a boarder at Repton in Derbyshire, to do well? "Not particularly. I think he'll be borderline on several subjects. We're not getting in any particular state about it. It's all cast in iron now."

Adam's A-level plans depend, said his mother, a part-time teacher, "on how he's done. We'll decide in the next few days. We've always tried to encourage him to work hard. Unfortunately, he's always struggled with sciences." And what of celebrations? "Rather depends on the results. Nothing planned."

The parents of Elisa Roache, who studies at Alleyn's, the mixed public school in south-east London, say they "would regard C grades as disappointing." Her father Tom, a television journalist, added: "If you can't get As, then Bs are just acceptable. Cs would be a bit of a shock.

"With competition for university places so tough, and with many universities relying on GCSE grades as much as on A levels to make their decision, it would be a blow. Her brother did them last year. He passed 11, mostly at A or B. Creates a bit of rivalry."

A run of sibling successes has the twin effect of calming a parent's anxiety and swelling that of the examinee. "She's the third of three girls," said Susan Hickman of her daughter Alison, who is at the fee-paying Ashford School for girls in Kent and who is planning to take science A levels. "Her eldest sister got 10 As. The next one got nine As. Quite a lot is expected of her. She's a bright girl. But I think I was more anxious about the other two."

Alison said: "There is a family joke about how well my sisters did. It *is* a joke, but sometimes there is an edge to it, I think."

Moira Emson, who lives in Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and works in a local college, said she has been "anxious to a certain extent, although I try not to communicate my anxiety." Her daughter Jo sat ten GCSEs at Sir William Borlase's grammar school. "If they don't get sufficiently good grades at GCSE, they might not be able to stay on. Competition is fierce in our area, and schools take the cream. So you have to get As or Bs in the subjects you want to take at A level. Jo will be going to the school at 2pm to get the results."

Mrs Emson recalls clearly receiving her own O-level results, which apparently were not scintillating. "We received them at home, in an envelope addressed to my father, not to me. He opened it, threw it on the bed, and said, 'I hope you're satisfied'. I'm not expecting a repeat of that performance."

Barry Turner's son Linus has flown home early from his father's house in Gascony. He is at Dulwich College in southeast London. "He wanted to be there to open the envelope himself," said his father, who is still in France. "I'll be first on the phone to find out how he's done. Whatever the results, I won't have lost faith in him as a rather bright kid. A bottle of red wine in the Gascony sunshine makes all the difference."

That kind of stress relief is not yet on John Patten's education agenda.

For one successful student, hope is running out

SIMON LUNT



Amanda Dwyer, who gained an A in English, her chosen subject, is helped in her hunt for a university place

When A grades are not good enough

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

AMANDA Dwyer is the human face of this summer's shortage of university arts places.

Amanda, 18, from Swaffham, Norfolk, celebrated last week after achieving grade As in English and geography, and a D in French. She was confident of securing her place at Warwick University this October to read English and American literature.

But Amanda's cheer quickly evaporated. The admissions tutor prevaricated and would not confirm her place. Although Amanda had surpassed her target of a B in English and a C in geography, she had fallen short of the required C in French.

On Monday, after many telephone calls, Amanda was finally rejected. She said: "I was devastated. I cried buckets for 24 hours solid."

She said: "When I got my grades I didn't think there would be too much problem with the D because I'd worked my socks off and was delighted with my two As. I was especially pleased with English as I got the top grade in every paper and it was the subject I wanted to study at university."

Warwick has now agreed to take Amanda next October, although she is trying to find an alternative place through the clearing system that tries to match disappointed candidates with remaining vacancies. "I had consciously decided against taking a year off, but I don't hold out much hope of finding anything through clearing," she said.

For Alexa Knight, 18, from Leeds, the outcome was even more disheartening. She gained three grade As in English, French and general studies, but missed Warwick's standard target for the same course because of a D in business studies.

She said: "I was relieved when Warwick offered to take me next year. But now I feel worse because I don't know what I am going to do with a year out and most of the opportunities for travel or work abroad have gone."

Both students are among the thousands falling victim to the clampdown on arts and social science courses.

Many of the most popular university courses are oversubscribed because admissions officers made offers to candidates on the assumption that the expansion of higher education would continue. They were forced to draw back after the government cut tuition fees by £550 a head in December.

Dr John Hogan, Warwick's senior assistant registrar, said that candidates had been rejected from all of its 38 arts degree courses because they had missed their offer by slipping up in one subject despite achieving or bettering the equivalent A-level points score.

He said that the university was usually delighted to take candidates scoring two As and a D but the pressure for arts places this year meant there was little scope for admitting those who did not meet their target precisely. The best it could do was offer excellent candidates who narrowly missed out a place next year.

"The problem is that by filling up next October's places we are just creating problems in the medium term to overcome the immediate crisis," he said. "It means we will have even fewer places available for those taking their A levels next year."

At Warwick, the squeeze is tightest in English literature. Seventy-four of 362 applicants were set a target of three Bs for 17 available places. Nineteen candidates have been accepted after meeting the offer precisely but the university has rejected ten who gained either two As and a C or an A, B and a C. Dr Hogan said this was "heartbreaking".

Asian children to boycott schools

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

ASIAN parents are expected to keep their children away from school at the start of term next month in a dispute over alleged racism by the local education authority.

The parents, from the Manningham district of Bradford, West Yorkshire, claim their teenage sons and daughters with high academic records are being excluded from some of the city's secondary schools.

A judicial review of the authority's policy had been due to be held at the High Court yesterday, but the hearing was adjourned until September 9 because. Mr Justice May said, the issue was of such importance that it could not be dealt with in half a day. The action is seen in some legal circles as a test case that could affect other authorities in England and Wales.

The parents believe their children have little choice of schools compared with white boys and girls from other areas of Bradford. They allege that the area's Asian children are sent to schools with poorer standards because of the education authority's school allocation policy.

Elizabeth Appleby QC, for the education authority, told the court it had offered to provide transport to any school available to accept the children from the group and had asked for the names of the schools the parents wanted their children to attend.

But when six schools were named, three were outside the authority's jurisdiction and three were heavily oversubscribed.

Outside court, Abu Bashir, a spokesman for the parents, said they had already decided they would not send their children to school until the outcome of next month's hearing.

He said: "The parents still believe they have been excluded from schools on the grounds of racism and nothing will be achieved by sending the children to a school where they have tried hard not to go."

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GCSE results improve for sixth year in succession

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION REPORTER

GCSE examination results have improved for the sixth year running, with more pupils reaching the equivalent of an O-level pass, according to figures published today.

Some 52.4 per cent of candidates achieved grades A to C, up 1.1 per cent from last year, suggesting standards have risen by a third since the last year of O levels in 1987. The record grades will encourage more pupils to continue their education.

After last year's improvement John Patten, the education secretary, seized on an inspectors' report pointing to the possible "gradual erosion of standards since the introduction of the GCSE". A row over marking standards followed.

Yesterday, Mr Patten welcomed this summer's results and congratulated pupils and teachers. Although a new code of practice for examiners introduced as a result of last year's debate has not been fully implemented, Mr Patten said that pupils and teachers could take "particular pride in the fact that this year's papers have been marked against the much more stringent standards".

Dennis Hatfield, chairman of the Joint Council for the GCSE, said the results reflected the "continuing successful implementation by teachers of the beneficial aspects of the GCSE". Examining groups were gradually bringing in commonly agreed methods that had now been incorporated into the code of practice introduced this year to underwrite the reliability of results.

Today's results show that of almost five million candidates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, one in eight was awarded an A grade, up 0.2 per cent. There was a small increase in the number of candidates failing to achieve even a G grade. The percentage awarded grades A to G fell by 0.4 per cent to 98.2 per cent.

As in last week's A-level results, there are large drops in the number of pupils taking individual sciences. Physics entries fell by 16.4 per cent, chemistry by 13.6 per cent and biology by 12.2 per cent. However, these were partially offset by more pupils switching to the single science examination.

Languages grew more popular, with 9.2 per cent more entries for Spanish, and German up 7.6 per cent. Subjects in decline included computer studies, down by almost a fifth, and economics (a 15.6 per cent drop), art and design (down almost 8 per cent) and French (down about 5 per cent).

The fall in French was broadly in line with the overall drop in entries, reflecting a decline in the number of 16-year-olds.

Since the GCSE was introduced, Spanish has increased in popularity by 67.5 per cent and German by 40.6 per cent. These increases were not at the expense of French, which also showed an increase over the six-year period of 7.8 per cent.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said today's results reinforced the clear message that teaching standards were high. "The existence of the mandatory code of practice underwrites this year's results in a way that would satisfy even the most jaundiced critic of education standards."

He said that the continuing improvement in the number of candidates achieving A to C grades in national curriculum core subjects was particularly significant.

Ann Taylor, shadow education spokeswoman, said that the improved grades reflected the hard work students and teachers had put in over the past years. "It proves that John Patten was wrong to denigrate the results last year, and he should now apologise. Students now realise that last year's results were valid as are this year's."

Bright idea and colourful patter help graduate survive in the jobs jungle



David Barnett attracts more customers for the Snake Shirt, which he discovered in a Manhattan store

BY BILL FROST

REJECTION became triumph yesterday as a business studies graduate, disappointed that a good degree was all but worthless in the job market, became a fast-talking salesman.

David Barnett's gift of the gab attracted an eager crowd of shoppers at Hamleys toy shop in London. "An upper second from Manchester University doesn't guarantee a job any more. What I have is confidence and a good line in patter," he said.

Dispirited by the rejection letters that dropped on to his doormat each morning, Mr Barnett, 22, had all but given up hope of finding work. "Then my dad gave me an airline ticket for New York and told me to find my future."

While wandering around a department store in Manhattan, he was drawn to a crowd jostling to snap up what appeared to be fluorescent snakes, which proved to be tightly twisted T-shirts.

As another customer grabbed for a Snake Shirt yesterday, Mr Barnett described the moment he realised the product's potential. "I looked at the snakes and thought eureka. So what if I didn't need a degree for this line of work. Even if I had found work, I would just have ended up as a cog in a big machine and that would have bored me."

"I sold the idea to Hamleys and they hired me to market the Snake Shirt. So far, so good. I reckon I can knock out 300,000 of these by Christmas."

With ten T-shirts at £11 each sold in his first half hour yesterday, Mr Barnett became ever more confident. "Here, feel this!" he shouted to an Australian matron with a blue rinse. The woman recoiled. "Aargh . . . a snake, take it away!" she shrieked.

Like a professional, Mr Barnett turned swiftly to his next potential customer and fixed her with a boyish smile. "Just have a look at this, madam. What do you think it could be?" Seconds later, the sale had been clinched.

Buoyed by his success, Mr Barnett, of Edgware, north-west London, was contemplating his next venture. "I have this brilliant idea to sell clocks which you plug into citrus fruit. They run off the acid, you know."

Did he feel his time at university had been wasted? "No, not really. But it is a tough world out there and rather than sit around waiting for someone to hire a graduate I decided to help myself."

JOINT COUNCIL GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS 1993

	Number of candidates	Percentage of candidates obtaining grade A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Art and Design	198,023 (214,425)	14.7 (13.9)	16.2 (15.6)	23.4 (22.6)	19.3 (19.2)	14.1 (14.5)	8.4 (9.6)	3.0 (4.0)
Business Studies	99,236 (97,382)	9.9 (12.5)	14.6 (13.6)	19.9 (20.9)	20.2 (19.5)	16.4 (16.4)	10.2 (11.3)	5.6 (4.7)
Latin	12,574 (13,286)	54.9 (61.0)	24.1 (20.6)	12.2 (10.7)	4.4 (4.2)	2.6 (2.0)	1.3 (0.9)	0.5 (0.5)
Greek	1,268 (1,285)	69.2 (71.1)	14.7 (15.3)	8.7 (8.1)	3.1 (3.3)	2.0 (1.5)	1.4 (0.2)	0.6 (0.4)
Classical Civilisation	4,008 (4,775)	26.5 (23.6)	26.4 (26.5)	20.3 (21.3)	10.5 (10.8)	6.9 (7.4)	4.5 (4.4)	2.8 (4.7)
Computer Studies	36,490 (45,057)	10.3 (9.5)	15.9 (13.8)	22.9 (21.9)	17.1 (17.9)	14.3 (14.8)	10.6 (11.6)	5.8 (7.2)
CDT	144,467 (149,448)	8.9 (9.1)	14.0 (13.4)	18.8 (18.4)	19.8 (19.3)	17.5 (18.2)	12.4 (13.0)	6.1 (6.4)
Economics	16,701 (19,787)	12.7 (11.8)	20.2 (18.7)	23.2 (24.2)	16.9 (18.1)	12.5 (12.9)	7.8 (8.3)	4.2 (4.0)
English	630,087 (641,937)	10.2 (9.6)	18.7 (17.7)	28.4 (28.0)	21.5 (22.0)	12.8 (13.5)	6.2 (6.7)	1.9 (2.1)
English Lit	448,554 (450,282)	12.7 (12.0)	20.8 (19.9)	27.7 (27.2)	19.9 (20.1)	11.8 (12.8)	5.36 (5.9)	1.5 (1.6)
Home Economics	108,041 (116,446)	7.3 (7.3)	14.2 (13.4)	19.5 (19.9)	20.6 (20.7)	18.3 (18.2)	12.2 (12.3)	5.6 (6.1)
Geography	265,123 (268,235)	13.1 (13.5)	17.4 (16.6)	20.0 (20.1)	18.0 (17.8)	14.1 (14.4)	9.8 (10.2)	5.3 (5.5)
History	215,922 (207,395)	13.8 (14.0)	19.5 (18.6)	21.5 (20.8)	16.0 (15.0)	12.7 (12.6)	9.0 (9.7)	5.3 (5.4)
All above subjects		Grade A 12.7% (12.5%)		Grade A-C 52.4% (51.3%)				Grade A-G 98.2% (98.6%)

	Number of candidates	Percentage of candidates obtaining grade A	B	C	D	E	F	G
French	286,138 (300,876)	19.6 (19.1)	14.3 (12.9)	16.0 (15.0)	15.5 (16.5)	12.5 (13.2)	13.2 (13.2)	7.7 (8.4)
German	106,420 (98,930)	24.0 (22.8)	15.6 (16.2)	17.6 (16.8)	15.5 (15.8)	11.1 (11.3)	9.6 (10.3)	5.5 (5.9)
Spanish	31,949 (29,245)	28.6 (29.7)	16.8 (16.1)	14.4 (14.3)	13.1 (12.7)	9.6 (10.2)	9.8 (10.8)	6.5 (5.3)
Mathematics	547,983 (556,199)	9.0 (9.0)	11.0 (10.5)	26.6 (25.9)	18.6 (17.7)	16.3 (17.5)	10.9 (11.7)	4.4 (4.8)
Music	34,083 (32,712)	20.0 (20.9)	22.1 (21.9)	20.9 (21.4)	14.6 (14.0)	10.4 (10.2)	7.2 (7.2)	3.6 (3.6)
Religious Studies	95,748 (95,846)	13.9 (14.2)	19.3 (18.0)	22.1 (20.7)	15.0 (15.1)	12.4 (12.9)	8.9 (10.0)	5.5 (6.3)
Biology	90,622 (103,247)	16.7 (15.5)	18.4 (16.8)	25.3 (25.4)	16.0 (17.4)	11.3 (11.6)	6.6 (7.5)	3.4 (3.8)
Chemistry	62,363 (72,214)	22.6 (18.9)	25.2 (23.4)	21.3 (25.4)	13.6 (14.3)	9.0 (9.3)	4.8 (5.2)	2.4 (2.7)
Physics	65,438 (78,275)	23.5 (21.5)	21.2 (19.5)	23.4 (25.7)	14.9 (15.4)	9.1 (9.4)	4.8 (5.3)	1.9 (2.4)
Science	593,887 (572,327)	9.2 (9.4)	12.2 (12.2)	22.8 (22.3)	19.9 (20.5)	16.5 (16.5)	11.1 (11.2)	5.7 (5.6)
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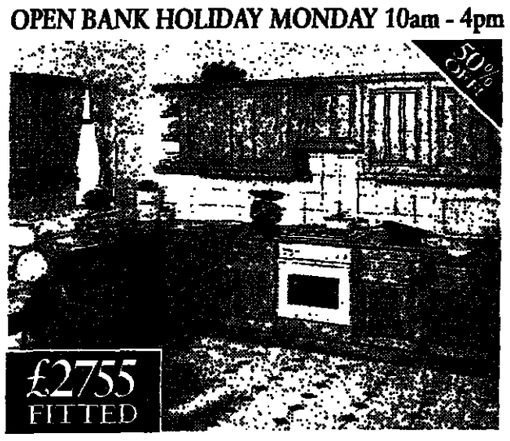
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Last-minute talks get aid past Croat 'human roadblocks' as US planes drop supplies

UN's convoy rolls into Mostar with food for Muslims

BY RICHARD BEESTON WITH THE UN CONVOY IN CHITLUK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A UNITED Nations convoy, piled high with food and medicine, was reported to have entered Mostar last night, a UN spokesman said. The supplies are to be shared between the city's Croat and Muslim populations.

Alemka Lisinski, a spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, said the convoy was poised to move on to the eastern sector, where 55,000 Muslims have been trapped for more than two months without any aid. The Americans finally broke the siege with an airdrop of supplies on Monday night.

The convoy overcame human roadblocks to reach their target. Earlier hundreds of Bosnian Croats had formed a human shield to prevent the urgently needed aid reaching the Muslim sector.

Cedric Thornberry, the head of the UN Protection Force's civil affairs unit, who had earlier negotiated a ceasefire between Croat and Muslim forces to allow the convoy through, charged that it was a set-up. He said: "They bussed in a rent-a-crowd to stop us ... [but] we are very determined to get the lorries in even if it means driving into Mostar at night."

He said that, if the aid was not allowed into the Muslim sector, he would report to the UN Security Council which could act against the Bosnian Croats and Croatia.

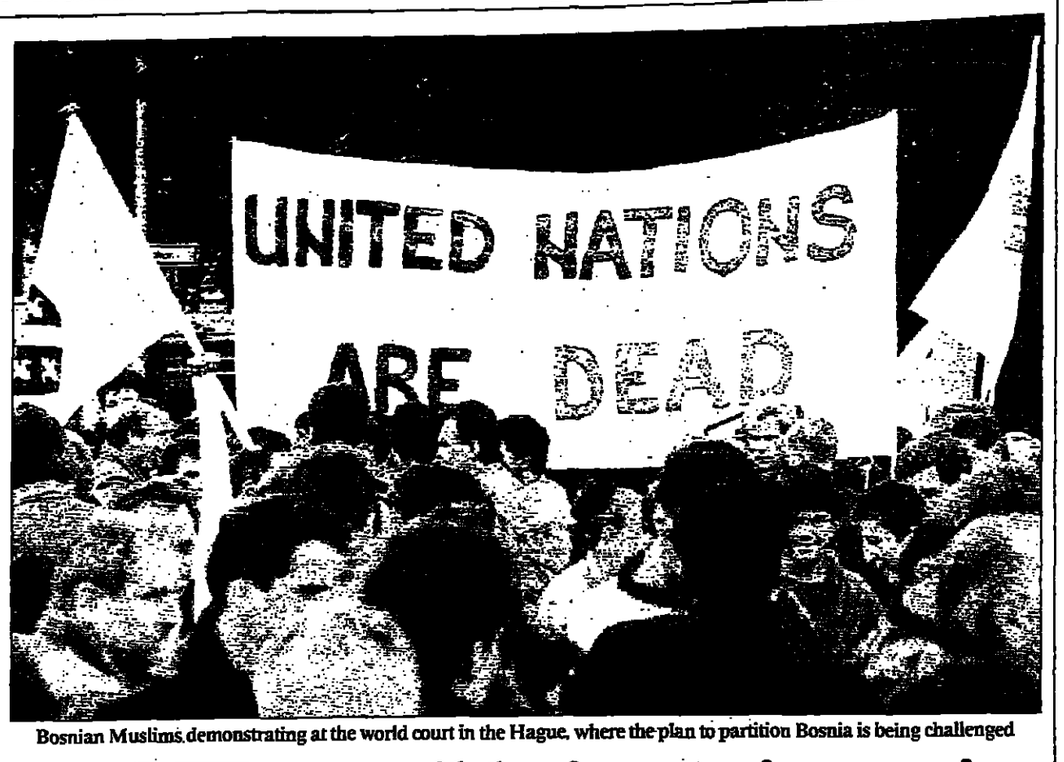
Mate Granic, the Croatian foreign minister, possibly in an attempt to forestall a showdown with the UN, arrived in Chitluk to mediate a solution and appease the demonstrators, many of whom were driven from their homes in recent fighting.

One elderly woman from Novi Travnik was persuaded to halt her protest against the convoy after she was allowed to inspect one of the aid lorries. She had suspected that the convoy was smuggling arms to the Muslims.

☐ **The Hague:** Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the international peace mediators, paid flying visits here and Bonn yesterday in an attempt to smooth anxieties about the plan for the European Community to administer Mostar as part of the overall peace package.

British gun-runners, page 1





Bosnian Muslims demonstrating at the world court in the Hague, where the plan to partition Bosnia is being challenged



Thornberry: determined to get aid to Muslims

Bewildering rations rain down on starving citizens

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE American airdrop of food supplies to the Muslims trapped in Mostar provided many families with the first nutritious meal for weeks, although the contents of the packages that came out of the sky would have caused some bewilderment.

Since the US Air Force first began to drop food and medicine over Bosnia-Herzegovina on February 28, the Americans have significantly improved their techniques and United Nations officials estimate that about 90 per cent of the supplies have been recovered on the ground. The food, however, has come in the form of military rations, meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) which offer the starving war victims a choice of 12 different menus in wrapped packages that can be opened easily "if you know the secret".

The Americans say the MREs, which come from excess stock held by the Department of Defence, are highly nutritious. However, some concern has been expressed by aid workers that the meals are inappropriate, especially for young children suffering from malnutrition. They can be eaten hot or cold, although there are no instructions on the packet in the local language to explain how to convert them from powder into an edible meal.

In Sarajevo, Lieutenant Colonel Patricia Purves, a UN protection force spokeswoman, said: "Indications are that the airdrop was a great success." However, she emphasised that airdrops were not the answer, describing them as haphazard.

Since February, 146 airdrop missions have been carried out, using C130 Hercules transport aircraft. More than 11,140 bundles have been dropped, amounting to nearly 7,500 tonnes of food and 144 tonnes of medical supplies.

The supplies are dropped from 10,000ft. The accuracy rate has been improved with the use of satellite-linked global positioning systems and an adverse weather aerial delivery system (Awads). The 26ft ring-slot parachutes bring the bundles down at about 60mph. Special packing techniques ensure the survival of the contents. On one occasion, 4,000 glass phials of penicillin were dropped near a hospital and not one broke.

The biggest challenge for the pilots has been the wind. A 10 knot crosswind causes the load to drift about 800 yards over the ground. The aircraft travels at about 100 yards a second and every time there is a drop, the crew has to evaluate the winds with the speed of the aircraft to come up with is called the Carp, or computed air release point.

As the designated drop point is reached, the pilot reduces air speed and raises the nose of the plane to make it easier to release the bundles. The rear ramp is lowered and the co-pilot throws a switch that releases the cargo restraining strap. The bundles exit on rollers and each is attached to a parachute which is opened by static line. The bundles have chemical lights which stay lit for more than eight hours.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rebel chief sentenced to death in Tajikistan

Dushanbe: The Supreme Court of Tajikistan sentenced a leading member of the outlawed Islamic Rebirth Party to death yesterday on charges of organizing terrorist acts and directing mass killings.

The party was part of a loose coalition of Islamic and self-described democratic groups that briefly held power last year in the former Soviet republic. All parties except the Communist Party were outlawed after pro-communists seized power last autumn.

Ajik Aliev, 44, was a leader of the Islamic Rebirth Party in southern Tajikistan. He was accused of organizing an attack on a government outpost last summer when 10 troops were killed, and of personally shooting government soldiers captured by his party. *(AP)*

Embassy cuts

Khartoum: Washington has decided to cut its diplomatic staff in Khartoum, a day after Sudanese protesters called for a reduction of its presence in the countryn, a US official said. Last week Washington added Sudan to a list of nations accused of backing terrorism. *(Reuter)*

Positive talks

Hanoi: Prince Norodom Ranariddh and Hun Sen, the leaders of Cambodia's interim government, ended their talks with Vo Van Kiet, the Vietnamese prime minister, saying relations were good but shelving decisions on contentious issues. *(Reuter)*

Uprising urged

Tbilisi: Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the deposed Georgian president, interrupted a television broadcast here to call for an uprising against what he called the "bloody junta" of Eduard Shevardnadze, who is the country's present leader. *(AFP)*

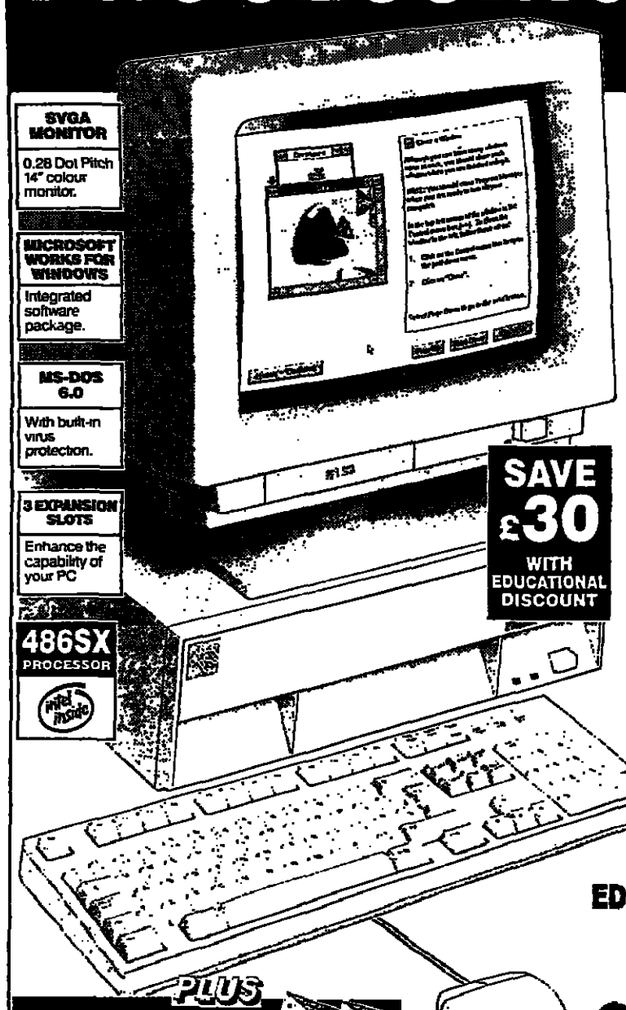
Police order

Manila: President Ramos of the Philippines has told two government members to study the setting up of all-women police squads to tackle sex crimes and the growing number of rapes. *(AFP)*

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Yeltsin team presses for Rutskoi graft investigation

With Moscow's political circles dominated by allegations of corruption, Yeltsin supporters have decided that attack is the best line of defence

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's supporters have moved to recapture the initiative in the tit-for-tat corruption scandal dominating Russian politics by calling for an official investigation into allegations of graft against Aleksandr Rutskoi, the rebellious vice-president.

Andrei Makarov, a prominent lawyer and member of Mr Yeltsin's anti-corruption commission, appeared on television to display documents which he claimed showed that Mr Rutskoi had syphoned millions of dollars out of Russia in illegal transactions and called for "an unsparing investigation to establish the truth".

Responding to Mr Rutskoi's claim early this week that the investigating commission had provided no evidence for the allegations of corruption in the vice-president's camp and that the presidential team was using the tactics of the NKVD (Stalin's secret police) to discredit him, Mr Makarov gave names, account numbers and locations of foreign banks and funds into which money was alleged to have passed.

He gave particular attention to a £2 million transaction which he described as "completely mystifying". He showed Mr Rutskoi's signature and red seal on a document which he said authorised him to use the account.

The slurs against Mr Rutskoi by Mr Makarov, a sharp lawyer and close ally of Mr Yeltsin, are intended to ensure that the dirt flying inside the Russian political establishment does not stick solely to the presidential team. The Russian government yesterday rejected the resignation of Sergei Glazyev, the foreign trade minister, who quit office at the weekend amid rumours of corruption and incompetence in the department.

However, the obvious anti-Rutskoi bias shown by Mr Makarov in his investigations undermines the probity of the anti-corruption commission set up by Mr Yeltsin. It makes it appear as a mere arsenal of weaponry against dangerous enemies rather than a serious attempt to end corruption.

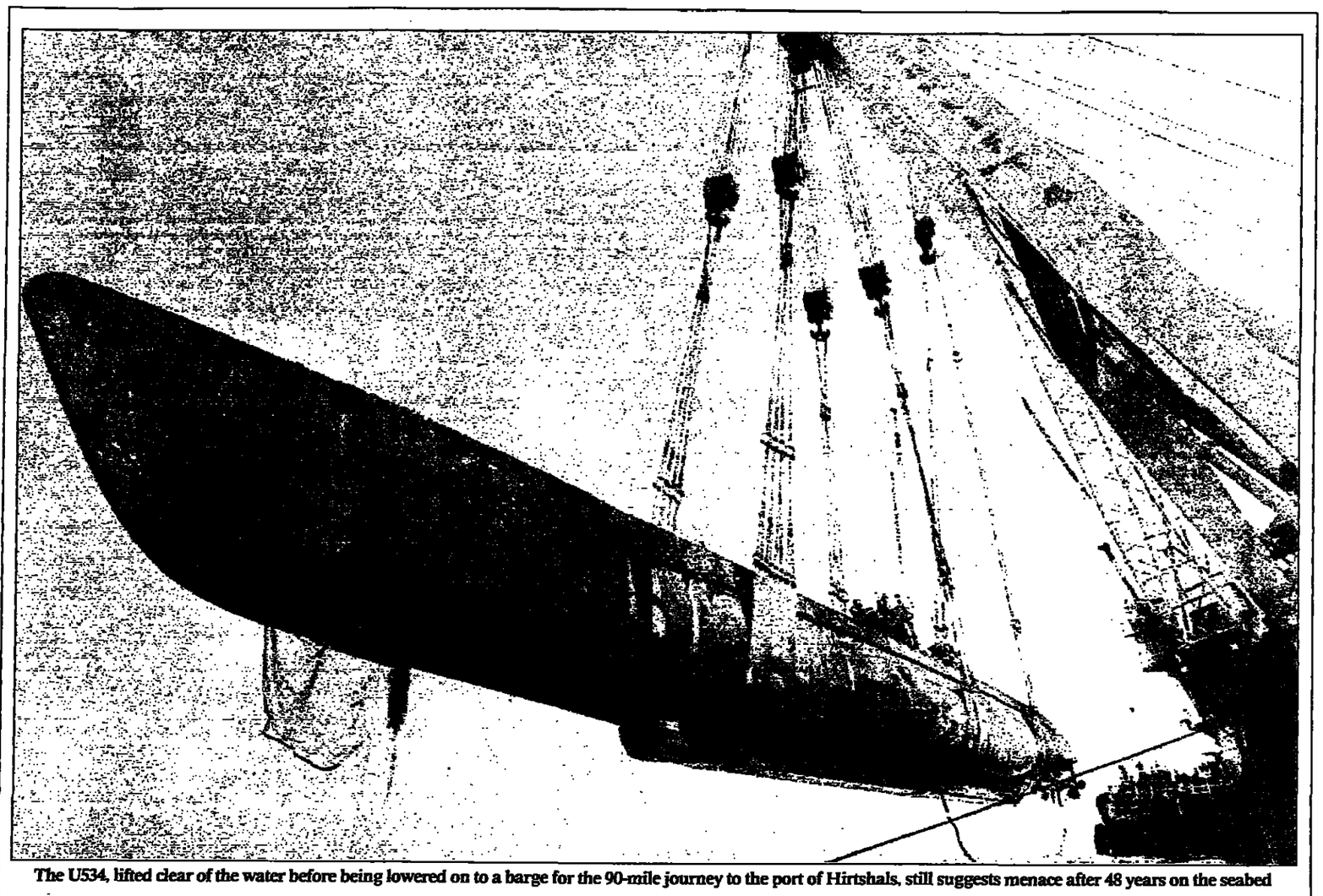
It was Mr Rutskoi who set the scandal going earlier this year when he claimed that he had collected 11 suitcases of evidence incriminating senior government members. Mr Rutskoi has built up a public reputation for being one of the most honest opponents of the president and Mr Yeltsin's advisers know they will have scored a major triumph if they manage to implicate him in the Swiss bank scandal. The risk, however, is that every new revelation increases public disgust with the antics of their rulers.

The allegations surrounding the vice-president are accompanied by the bizarre saga of an alleged plan involving a former senior KGB official and Valentin Stepankov, the public prosecutor, to murder Mr Makarov. The lawyer produced a tape which he claims features Mr Stepankov talking to Dimitri Yakubovsky, a shady businessmen with state security links who now lives in Canada, about the possibility of assassinating him before he could reveal any more details of corruption in Mr Rutskoi's camp.



Rutskoi: accused of shady currency deals

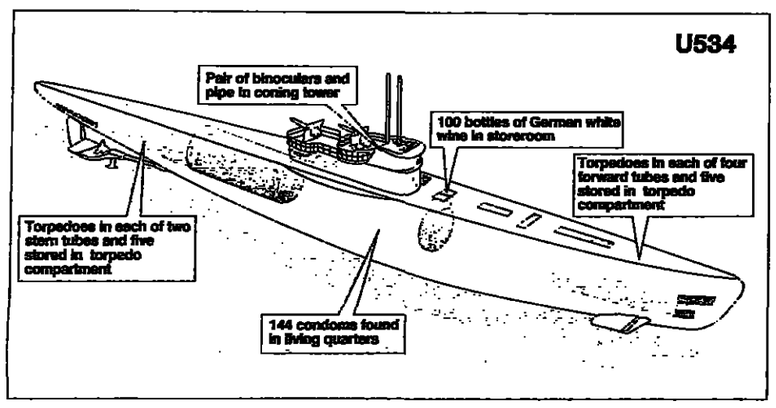
☐ **Warsaw:** President Yeltsin and Lech Walesa signed agreements yesterday in a drive to mend economic ties and drain what Mr Walesa called the "bitter chalice" of their tragic shared history. They signed a trade pact and a deal to build a gas pipeline across Russia and Poland to Western Europe. *(Reuter)*

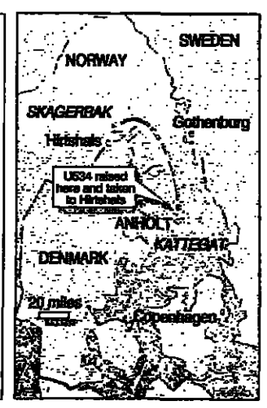


The U534, lifted clear of the water before being lowered on to a barge for the 90-mile journey to the port of Hirtshals, still suggests menace after 48 years on the seabed

U-boat carried condoms and white wine

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN





BOTTLES of white wine and a gross of condoms yesterday became the first secrets to be yielded up by a world war two German U-boat that has rested in deep water off the Danish coast for 48 years. Further discoveries lie in store, but discovering them is being hampered by the need first to remove live torpedos from the vessel.

Danish and Dutch bomb-disposal and salvage experts have entered the submarine to locate and remove the torpedos, grenades and ammunition after successfully raising the U534 on to a barge. Jonathan Wardlow, a spokesman for the salvage operation, said experts worked overnight to pump water, oil and mud out of the submarine, weighing 1,500 tons, which was lifted from the water on Tuesday evening.

Difficulties in lifting the U-boat on to a platform barge on Tuesday delayed the opening of the vessel. The submarine was located in 1986 in the Kattegat, about 13 miles northeast of the island of Anholt at the mouth of the Baltic.

"There is still a lot of mud and water in the U-boat," Mr Wardlow said. "Disposal experts are now inside the opened submarine to check and if necessary remove ammunition and disarm torpedos." He added that it would take until at least today to remove the weapons.

"The first artifacts we discovered on board were 100 bottles of German white wine, a gross of condoms, a splendid old smoker's pipe and a pair of binoculars, all remarkably intact." Mr Wardlow said, adding that some of the ammunition for the U-boat's anti-aircraft cannon were still in perfect condition, as were six of the torpedos, each loaded with more than 600lb of explosives, in the vessel's fore and aft torpedo tubes.

After the initial investigation *in situ*, a full investigation of the U534 is to be conducted in private by conservationists under the supervision of Denmark's defence ministry at the North Sea Port of Hirtshals. The work could take months. The submarine is to be taken the 90 miles to Hirtshals, on the tip of Denmark's Jutland peninsula, within the next few days.

U534 was sunk by a British Liberator bomber on May 5, 1945, in one of the final actions of the war. The submarine had shortly before slipped out of the German port of Kiel and was headed, it is now believed, for Oslo to surrender to Allied forces in Norway. Rumours of treasure on board arose because the submarine was of a type designed for long trans-oceanic hauls and belonged to the 33rd flotilla, whose main task was to transport valuable cargo to Japan, Germany's ally.

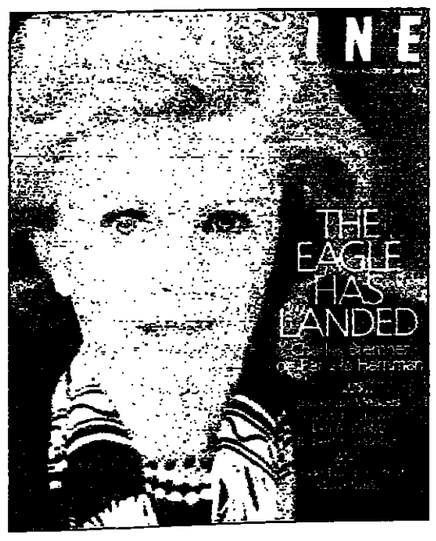
But, in media interviews, German survivors have expressed doubt that any important treasure will be found. William Brinkmann, 82, of Waterloo, Ontario, who was the vessel's first officer, was not on board when the boat was sunk. His last stint was two months earlier, he told the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation this week.

He said he asked the former chief engineer in 1978 about rumours that the submarine was carrying the valuables or high-ranking Nazi officers out of Germany in the final days of the war. "In his opinion this wasn't true, it was just a normal command to bring the boat from the German port of Kiel to Oslo, in Norway."

Historians hope that the boat, like some other German submarines seized near the end of the war, will still contain microfilms, paintings or even high officials being sent out of Germany.

Three of the 52-man crew died in the 1945 attack, the day after Nazi troops surrendered in Denmark, northern Germany, Norway and The Netherlands.

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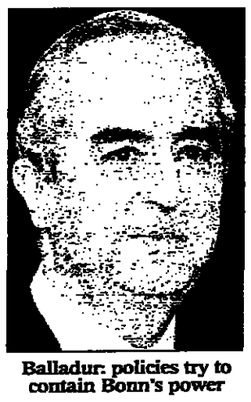
The irritation in the Franco-German relationship has become increasingly apparent. The two leaders will meet today to try to remove "objective difficulties"

FRANCE and Germany will try to paper over the cracks in their increasingly strained relationship today and give new energy to the 30-year-old Paris-Bonn axis.

The summit between Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, may be blessed by a small cut in interest rates by the Bundesbank. The Frankfurt central bankers have tried to dampen speculation about a cut by saying that there would be no press conference after the Bundesbank council meeting today. Even so, some tactical move to reassure France — which is suffering from the high German rates — was expected yesterday by diplomats and bankers.

Alain Juppé, the French foreign minister, spoke of "objective difficulties" with Bonn before a meeting in Dresden on Tuesday with Klaus Kinkel, his German counterpart. He emphasised that there was no alternative to close co-operation with Germany but showed little enthusiasm. "One has to imagine the kind of risk that would ensue if Germany gradually distanced itself from the process of European development," he said, making clear that he was not prepared to take on such a risk. German newspaper commentators have been trawling through the writings of M Balladur and have come up with the phrase: "The permanent task of French policy is to contain Germany's power."

The Franco-German relationship, for decades viewed as the dynamo of the European Community, is plainly becoming more hard-nosed. The view from Bonn is that this is no bad thing: it will broaden Germany's scope for foreign policy initiatives.



Balladur: policies try to contain Bonn's power

Germany sees itself almost as a mediator between France and the United States on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and other free trade issues. The German government is responding not only to the United States but also to its own industrialists who want a quick agreement on trade.

France would like to unravel the EC-US Blair House agreement on agricultural subsidies, which provides for a reduction of up to 17 million *tonnes in European grain* exports by the end of the century. "France is not prepared to sacrifice its agricultural exports," M Juppé said in Dresden. "We are one of the greatest agro-industrial powers in the world and we don't intend to give up this role." Herr Kohl will urge some moderation in the French position in the hope of reaching a common stand before the meeting of European Community foreign and agricultural ministers in September.

The irritation in the Paris-Bonn relationship shines through at almost every ministerial level. M Juppé declared that Herr Kinkel was "probably mistranslated" when he accused France of being protectionist. France was also angry about the German finance minister's hints that the schedule for European monetary union — a key French goal — might have to slip considerably if the European central bank was not based in Frankfurt. In Paris that smacks of strong-arm tactics. France will probably support Bonn's claim to the bank, but the price for this support will have to be negotiated.

This week also sees a meeting of the French and German defence ministers. Bonn and Paris can at least agree on the need to exert joint pressure on Croatia to allow humanitarian aid convoys through to Mostar. That falls short of the grand, Europe-saving initiatives required from the two leaders, but buys time for both sides to cool off a little and develop some new ideas.

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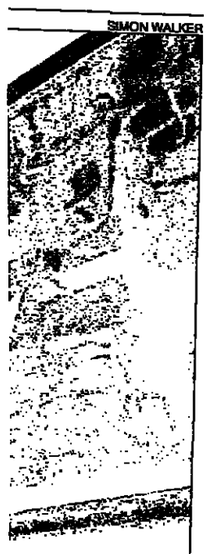
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Caravan of troubles leaves Arafat adrift in the wilderness



Arafat: brushed away talk of his resignation

*A financial scandal and discontent over the PLO chairman's personal political agenda threaten his position, **Michael Binyon** writes*

SHARP disagreements with Palestinian negotiators at the peace talks, impending bankruptcy amid accusations of financial mismanagement and a string of resignations from the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee have combined to present Yassir Arafat, the veteran PLO chairman, with the stiffest political challenge to his leadership since he took over more than 20 years ago.

Mr Arafat's opponents are now calling on him to resign, as evidence of discontent surfaces from Tunis, the PLO headquarters, the occupied West Bank and among the Palestinian diaspora. In a sure sign that he is losing his charismatic hold over the movement, which he has turned into a more dovish, quasi-diplomatic body eager for Israeli recognition, the jokes about Mr Arafat have grown crueller and more common.

To many, Mr Arafat now appears as out of touch and counter-productive as Ahmed Shukairy, the outspoken, uncompromising Palestinian best known for calling for the Jews to be driven into the sea. Mr Arafat yesterday consulted a senior Palestinian peace negotiator in Amman before returning to Tunis for a crucial meeting tomorrow of his executive. Saeb Erekat, one of the three negotiators at the Middle East talks who submitted their resignations last month because of Mr Arafat's failure to consult them, was hastily made a member of the PLO leadership committee, together with Hanan Ashrawi and Faisal Husseini, a move that led to the retraction of their resignations.

Mr Arafat also met King Husain and Abdel-Salam al-Majali, the Jordanian prime minister, as part of a publicised series of consultations, before the next crucial round of talks with Israel in Washington next week. Mr Arafat brushed away any talk of his resignation. "Crisis, what crisis?" he said on Tuesday. He still holds a majority on his 18-man committee, despite the resignation last week of the influential poet Mahmud Darwish, and the announcement by the PLO representative to Lebanon, Sharif al-Hoot, that he would not participate in the committee because of Mr Arafat's leadership.

Two factors have heightened discontent. The first is his apparent readiness to do a deal with Israel over the heads of the official negotiators and against the emotional instincts of many Palestinians who believe he is making too many concessions. Mr Arafat is accused of giving away too much in an effort to win final Israeli acceptance of the PLO as a legitimate organisation.

More serious, however, are accusations of financial mismanagement. The PLO has never recovered from its siding with Saddam Hussein before and during the Gulf war, to the fury of Saudi Arabia, its chief paymaster, Kuwait and other Gulf states which kept the PLO solvent. The lack of funds, after their immediate suspension of contributions, means that the PLO, which has set up virtual embassies in most Western and Arab countries, is having to cut back severely. Yesterday it was announced that the mission in Rome would be closed.

The wealth accumulated during the PLO's heyday before the Gulf war meant that it has become accustomed to an easy lifestyle. The cutbacks are all the more painful therefore. Last June the PLO was forced to suspend salaries for almost a third of its 15,000 workers. They in turn, reacting less with revolutionary zeal than with grievances over the loss of income, have complained bitterly about Mr Arafat's bad financial management. The commander-in-chief of his Fatah forces in Lebanon said that his fighters were living like "beggars".

The embattled leader, who has survived numerous assassination attempts, a plane crash in the North African desert and armed siege in Tripoli during the Lebanese civil war, has accused his opponents of trying to undermine him, in league with foreign forces.

His real worry is that the Palestinians have now been brought to the moment of truth when a formal peace with Israel is on the table. They are under pressure from Jordan and several other Arab states to make the extra necessary concessions. But the PLO is also being outmanoeuvred by rejectionists on the ground, especially the fundamentalist Hamas movement which has hopes of displacing the PLO for eventual leadership of any rump Palestinian entity. For this reason the Palestinian negotiators have been very hesitant to move forward, and were infuriated by Mr Arafat's proposals for an Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho as the first step in an overall settlement.

Mr Arafat has long been able to juggle the squabbling factions in his umbrella movement, but only by remaining ambiguous and elusive. This reputation for slipperiness has lost him the real loyalty of any group, however, and in the coming showdown he may easily find himself deserted by a coalition of disgruntled opponents.

Britain to guard lives of defecting Iraq envoys

■ After this week's defections, Iraqi exiles claim Saddam's eldest son Uday, best known for clubbing his father's food-taster to death, is being groomed for the succession



Saddam Hussein seated with his wife and grandchildren. Behind him, far left, is Ali Hassan al-Majeed, cousin and defence minister, with Kamal al-Majeed, head of military industrialisation, next to him; and centre, Uday, Saddam's eldest son, with his wife and child

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

THE two Iraqi ambassadors who have joined the opposition group against President Saddam Hussein have been guaranteed "appropriate" protection following their defection to Britain.

Although Hisham al-Shawi and Hamed al-Jubouri came to Britain under the auspices of the Iraqi National Congress, the British authorities will retain responsibility for their safety. Security details will remain confidential, but it is likely that Special Branch officers will be assigned to guard the diplomats.

Although both claimed they had nothing of interest to pass on to British intelligence, their defection and public denunciation of Saddam will make them vulnerable to possible retaliation. Baghdad hit squads have attempted in the past to target Iraqi officials opposing Saddam in London and other European capitals.

Mr al-Shawi was chairman of the Iraqi Atomic Energy Commission between 1972 and 1974 when Iraq began to set up a nuclear programme. However, he said he had no knowledge of Saddam's attempts to build nuclear weapons.

Other exiles and diplomats are claiming that Uday, Saddam's eldest son, best known abroad for clubbing his father's food-taster to death, is now being groomed for the succession. Uday, 29, has recently acquired a host of titles which, together with control of a growing media empire and a pivotal role in the black market, has enabled him to penetrate Iraqi society at all levels.

As head of Iraq's Olympic Committee, Uday, who has begun to copy his father's bullish body language and sports a similar moustache, hopes to lead his country's football team into the World Cup finals in the United States next year for what the Iraqi media are already billing as the sequel to the "mother of all battles". While Saddam, 56, has no plans to retire and is confident his ruthless security services can crush all opposition, he is said to live in fear of the assassin's bullet, especially after the American air strikes on his intelligence headquarters in June.

Uday's informal role as crown prince was confirmed in July when he married the daughter of Saddam's powerful half-brother, Barzan al-Takriti, in a match that has helped to heal a dangerous rift between two sides of the Iraqi leader's family that form the pillars of his regime.

Barzan, a chief political adviser and ambassador to Geneva from where he is believed to control Saddam's hidden billions, is one of three half-brothers who hold powerful portfolios. The others are Watban al-Hassan, the interior minister, and Sabawie al-Hassan, the director of general security.

The three have been in competition for a decade with two of Saddam's equally powerful paternal cousins, Hussein Kamal al-Majeed and Ali Hassan al-Majeed. The first, who married Saddam's daughter, Hala, ten years ago, is head of military industrialisation; the latter is defence minister and was appointed governor of Kuwait during the occupation.

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Democracy protest halts Lagos

FROM REUTER IN LAGOS

FRESH pro-democracy protests brought Lagos to a virtual standstill yesterday, one day before President Babangida, military ruler, was due to stand down.

An alliance of 30 civil liberties groups, led by the Campaign for Democracy, called a three-day national stay-at-home protest to force Nigeria's military government to hand power to Chief Moshood Abiola, the business tycoon widely acknowledged as victor of the annulled June presidential election, but it appeared confined to Chief Abiola's home region in the southwest. In the northern cities of Sokoto, Kaduna and Kano people were going about their business, and later in Lagos businesses opened after there were no signs of violence.

Chief Abiola remained undaunted, dismissing General Babangida's plan to hand over power to an unelected civilian-led interim government today as a ploy. "Anybody who is put there will be a surrogate," Chief Abiola, who has been outside Nigeria since early August to drum up foreign support, said on British radio.

South African leadership proposals rejected as 'fix'

BY MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

PROPOSALS for a carve-up of jobs in South Africa's new government of national unity had a number of parties crying foul yesterday. Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress, is suggested as president, with President de Klerk, the country's present leader, likely to be his deputy.

A new draft of a transitional constitution, to be debated in multi-party negotiations at the World Trade Centre outside Johannesburg today, provides for a president, who will come from the party with the majority of seats in the new assembly, and a deputy from another party.

The objectors claim that this is a "fix" by the ANC and the ruling National Party. The draft, they point out, carefully does not say that the deputy-president must come from the party with the second highest number of seats.

The new deputy-president will have the power to veto certain executive actions. Under the new formula, if a cabinet decision does not provide a "specified majority" it may still be carried by a simple majority, provided the president and his deputy agree. This proviso should bring considerable comfort to those reluctant to hand unfettered power to a black majority.

Benny Alexander, general-secretary of the radical Pan Africanist Congress, was among the objectors. "Our information is that the government and the ANC have done a deal on this issue, with Nelson Mandela promised the post of president and State President de Klerk the position of vice-president. It is unnecessary to try to protect minorities in this way."



Mandela: ANC fears he may be terrorist target

The mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party, which is still boycotting the constitutional negotiations, also scoffed at the proposed arrangement. Walter Felgate, a senior party spokesman, dismissed it as "constitutional adventurism". The white right-wing Conservative Party also objected.

Special South African security forces to protect Mr Mandela from terrorist violence are being trained by American government security experts, according to a Clinton administration official in Washington yesterday. The official, who declined to be named, said the training had started last Monday and was in the hands of the Bureau of Diplomatic Security attached to the US State Department. The training takes place at an undisclosed place in America and is due to last two weeks.

The request for help had come from the ANC, reflecting its concern over potential terrorist attacks by supporters of Inkatha and white racists, the official said.

Keys link mass grave to Peru death squads

BY GABRIELLA GAMINI

A pair of rusty keys, found with human bones in a nameless mass grave being excavated on the outskirts of Lima, has led Peruvian human rights workers to link senior aides in President Fujimori's government with human rights violations.

Judge Victor Cubas confirmed yesterday that the locker keys, found in the grave in Ciengilla with the remains of at least a dozen bodies, belonged to two of a group of nine students who disappeared in July last year. They went missing when Vladimiro Montesinos, Señor Fujimori's right-hand man and security chief, ordered an anti-subversive purge on the University of La Cantuta, 25 miles outside Lima.

General Nicolás Hermos was allegedly also in charge of the soldiers who kidnapped the students at gunpoint from their halls of residence and also dragged Professor Hugo Muñoz Sánchez, 48, from the campus in front of dozens of witnesses. It was part of a campaign against Maoist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) guerrillas who were said to have infiltrated Peruvian universities. Human rights organisations say the students were not involved with the Shining Path.

The keys in the grave belonged to Richard Amaro Condor, 21, and Juan Marino Figueroa, 29. "There are bullet holes in the skulls and broken bones which are an indication of torture," said a human rights activist.

The allegations which link Señor Fujimori's security men with the disappearance of the students were first made by General Rodolfo Robles, a former army inspector-general who fled to exile in Argentina. "Montesinos and the army commanders are personally involved in the disappearance and killings of innocent people. The war on subversion gives them a free hand," he said in Buenos Aires.

At least 3,000 people have disappeared at the hands of the security forces in more than a decade of war on rebels, according to human rights groups. Students, unionists and government opposition politicians have been victims in the purge on Shining Path rebels, who have been waging a bloody insurgency that has claimed the lives of more than 28,000 people.

The Peruvian government has denied human rights violations. It lashed out against Amnesty International reports of cases involving the security forces. But Señor Fujimori gave himself autocratic powers in a self-initiated coup last year and has given the security forces a free hand to combat guerrilla violence.

The recently uncovered evidence and the testimonies of disgruntled military officers link Señor Montesinos with death squad activities. The former lawyer and army officer is also said to have connections with drug traffickers. He is alleged to be the head of a paramilitary death squad which worked under the government National Intelligence Service. After the president assumed office three years ago, he appointed Señor Montesinos as deputy chief of the intelligence service. He has since become chief of Peru's anti-terrorist operation, and analysts say he has ties with the CIA. However, it is most likely that Señor Montesinos is the man who administers the plans masterminded by a president known for wanting to increase his powers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rao drops curbs on religion in politics

Delhi: P. V. Narasimha Rao has abandoned plans to make it illegal to link religion and politics, marking a victory for Hindu extremists who are threatening the country's secular tradition (Christopher Thomas writes).

The right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had planned nationwide protests if the legislation went ahead. The minority Congress party government dropped the proposals when it became clear it could not muster the two-thirds parliamentary majority it needed to amend the constitution to ban the use of religious symbols for political purposes.

The government had hoped to enact the bill implementing the ban before elections later this year in four states where the BJP used to rule. The state assemblies were sacked because of the BJP's involvement in the destruction of a mosque in the holy city of Ayodhya by Hindu zealots last December.

No reparations

Reuter: Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese prime minister, has ruled out paying additional war reparations to victims of Japan's military expansionism up to 1945, despite his apologies for his country's conduct. *(Reuter)*

Hostages freed

Quilali: Rival armed factions in Nicaragua — former Contra rebels and pro-Sandinista forces — are down to five captives each after they released a total of 21 people in the country's six-day hostage crisis. *(AFP)*

Papal first

Jerusalem: Chief Rabbi Israel Lau will meet the Pope in Rome next month in the first meeting between a pontiff and an Israeli chief rabbi. Israel and the Vatican have not yet established diplomatic relations. *(Reuter)*

Taipan dies

Hong Kong: Lord Kadoorie, one of the last of the original taipans behind the growth of Hong Kong, died yesterday, aged 94. China Light and Power, of which he was honorary chairman, said.

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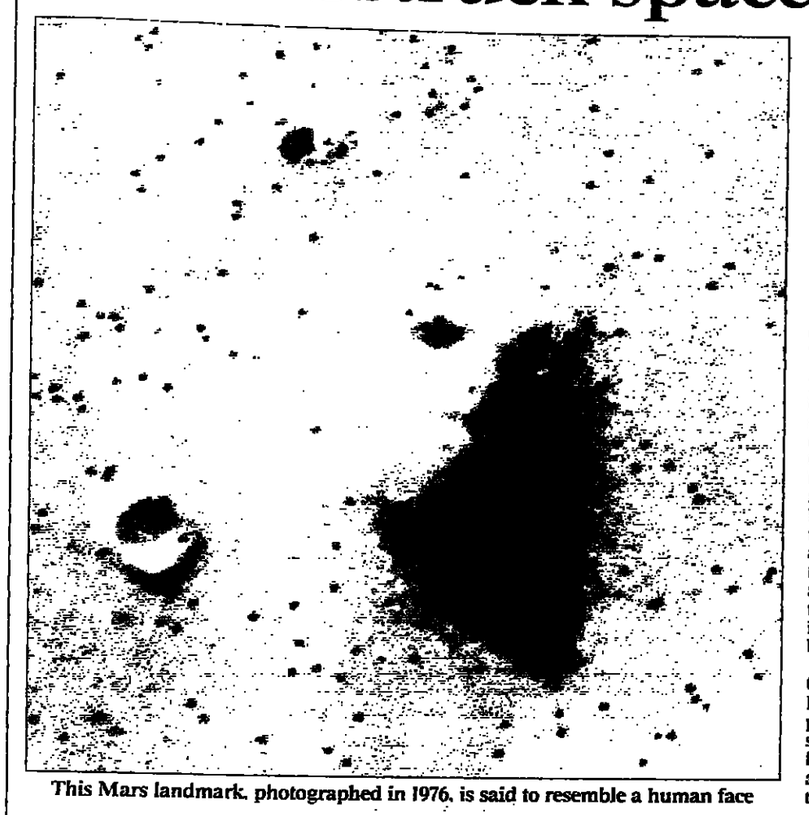
Kiss of life fails

Durban: Pie, a two-year-old baby elephant who had fallen ill, died in a South African game reserve in Natal province despite attempts to revive him by mouth-to-trunk resuscitation. Five rangers tried to blow into his trunk. *(Reuter)*

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Dumbstruck spacecraft revives talk of life on Mars



This Mars landmark, photographed in 1976, is said to resemble a human face

*Conspiracy theorists claim Nasa silenced the Mars mission to cover up its discovery that extra-terrestrials exist, **Nigel Hawkes** writes*

AS THE American spacecraft Mars Observer maintained an unwanted radio silence yesterday, mission controllers in California broke out in a sweat and conspiracy theorists began constructing elaborate explanations of what was going on.

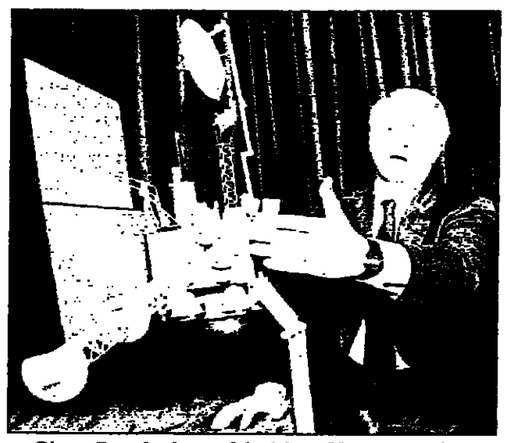
The engineers from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena were hoping that the communications hiccup that has kept Mars Observer silent since last Friday would correct itself and reveal that the satellite had gone into orbit around the red planet, as planned. An automatic reset should have turned the transmitters on again late last night, bringing the screens in front of increasingly nervous controllers back to life.

That should reveal if Mars Observer is in orbit around Mars or if it has disappeared past the planet and into deep space. Yesterday managers from Nasa, the US space agency, remained confident they could rescue the $1 billion (£660 million) mission, but that depends on regaining communications.

"We presume the spacecraft is in orbit around Mars, but we have no positive indication of that," Glenn Cunningham, the mission's project manager, said.

Despite the official optimism, some scientists and engineers were gloomy, fearing they may never hear from Mars Observer. "It's terrible, terrible, terrible," said Arden Albee, the project's chief scientist. Asked what scientists were doing to relieve the tension, Mr Cunningham replied: "Screaming loudly."

Meanwhile a group of Martian enthusiasts accused Nasa of a cover-up. The Mars Mission, a scientists' group led by Richard Hoagland, a former Nasa consultant, is complaining that Nasa is refusing to investigate what appears to be a face carved on the surface of the planet and first identified by the Viking orbiters in 1976. Since its discovery, the "Face on Mars" has given rise to a small industry of believers who publish books, write articles and attend conferences devoted to it.



Glenn Cunningham of the Mars Observer project displays a model of the missing space probe

The more convinced of them have claimed to see a likeness in the face to that of Senator Edward Kennedy. Nasa has grown tired over the years of explaining that the face is really no more than an accidental trick of the light playing over the rock-strewn Martian surface, and it was hoped that Mars Observer would finally put the idea to rest by taking clearer pictures.

To Mr Hoagland and his fellow researchers, Nasa has shown reluctance to use Mars Observer's superior imaging system to verify or deny the claims. The disgruntled scientists said they want Nasa to produce other photographs the agency once claimed could disprove the human-face theories and to conduct detailed research into the Viking photographs, using new technologies.

Stanley McDaniel, a Sonoma State University professor, cited a 1960 Nasa-commissioned study as a possible reason for what the group sees as the agency's head-in-the-sand attitude. The report, by the Brookings Institution, suggested that any discovery of extra-terrestrial intelligence might be withheld from the public for political reasons.

Nasa officials shake their heads sadly when challenged with these bizarre theories. "I know of no recognised scientist who believes these are anything more than geological forms," said Gary Riesdorf, the Mars Observer's payload manager.

Jurrie van der Woude, the JPL spokesman, rolls his eyes. "It's a pain that they pick up something that's nonsense," he said. "But there's no way to stop people interpreting what they think they see."

If Mars Observer has missed Mars and gone into orbit around the Sun, it may be possible to rescue the mission when it comes around again in eight months to a year. But that will depend on the spacecraft phoning home.

US and China stake their credibility on cargo search

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY
EAST ASIA EDITOR
IN HONG KONG

■ The mystery of the *Yinhe*'s cargo may soon be solved, to the embarrassment of either Peking or Washington. Neither side can afford to let the affair rest there

SOMETIME this week in the Saudi Arabian port of Dammam, a team of local inspectors, watched closely by officials from Peking and Washington, will start shifting 2,500 containers in the hold of the Chinese ship *Yinhe* in search of 24 which are said by America to contain chemicals for making deadly gas that they say are on their way to Iran.

When the inspectors open the cases, however, they may find, as China insists, only paper, machine parts and other hardware. Or they may find nothing. In the words of one American diplomat, "either the US or China is about to be greatly embarrassed".

The stakes are very high. They involve the credibility of the Americans, who insist that China consistently violates international laws and agreements on weapons proliferation by exporting technology, especially to Iran, Iraq, Syria and Pakistan. Peking denies the charges, so its credibility, too, is on the line.

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, has said categorically that the *Yinhe* is carrying thiodiglycol, necessary for mustard gas, and thionyl chloride, needed to make nerve gas. President Jiang Zemin of China has assured visiting American congressmen that there are no chemicals on the vessel, and Peking has protested to Stapleton Roy, the US ambassador, that American warships and aircraft have been harassing the ship.

The matter is not a simple one. America began protesting to the Chinese about the *Yinhe* last month. The hope was, a diplomat here said, that the Chinese would discuss the matter quietly "and be as helpful as possible, what with the Olympics and the renewal of most favoured nation status [in America] both coming up".

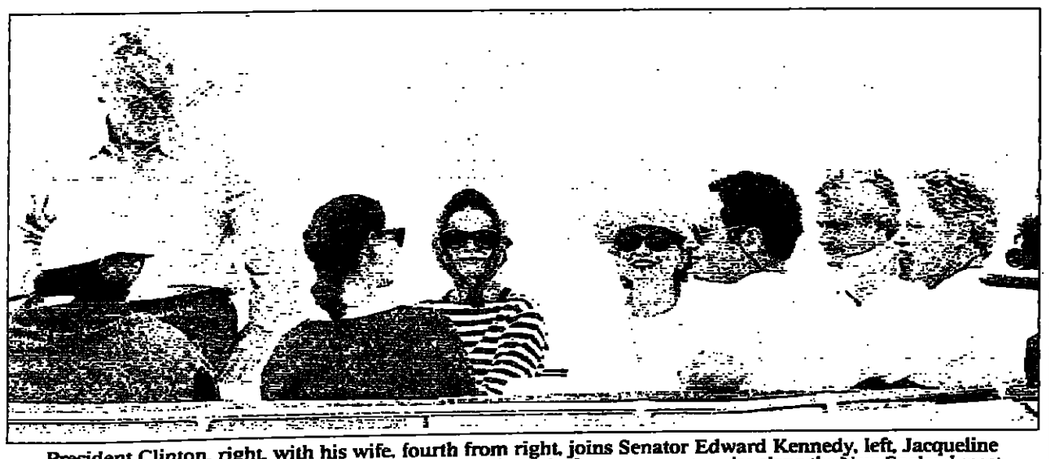
Instead, on August 3, Peking loudly protested its innocence, accusing the Americans of getting every possible fact about the *Yinhe* wrong. The Americans are equally adamant that they know exactly what is in the ship, in what quantity, and even in which containers. America's suspicions were aroused by the customer for the cargo, an Iranian faction that may be arming terrorists.

Washington persuaded various Gulf states not to welcome the *Yinhe*, which has been more or less marooned at sea. China has maintained its willingness to allow a third party to inspect it: after much haggling Washington and Peking agreed on the Saudis.

America's information about the chemicals, of which it is so certain, cannot have come from electronic spying, which cannot penetrate a ship's hold; it is understood to have come from agents on the shore. So there are various possibilities: the agents got it wrong; they got it right but the Chinese discovered the surveillance and either threw the chemicals overboard or disposed of them at ports of call; or the whole episode is a Chinese provocation, with bogus information slipped to suspected spies who, once the information reached the Americans, were rounded up.

China badly needs a diplomatic triumph over America. Washington is threatening sanctions against it for selling Pakistan short-range missiles that can carry nuclear warheads. If Peking can prove that the suspect containers hold harmless goods, the Americans will become the focus of Chinese demands, not least an end to claims that Peking is an international pariah. If the chemicals are found, the Chinese will have been caught lying at the highest level. They can hardly have been that stupid but, if the containers have been covertly off-loaded, America will implacably hunt them down.

☐ **Peking:** In spite of foreign efforts to scuttle its fledgeling commercial launch programme, China's National Space Administration has revealed ambitious plans to put 25 to 30 satellites into orbit for American and other foreign customers by 2000, the *People's Daily* reported yesterday. *(Reuter)*



President Clinton, right, with his wife, fourth from right, joins Senator Edward Kennedy, left, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, centre, the widow of John F. Kennedy, and other guests on a cruise along the New England coast

Oswald 'dreamt of killing'

Washington: Lee Harvey Oswald fantasised about killing people even as a teenager, according to newly released documents. A CIA memorandum, written four months after President Kennedy was assassinated, describes Oswald's psychiatric history.

"It is abundantly clear from all the materials reviewed that Lee Oswald was psychiatrically disturbed from his earliest youth," Arthur Dooley, a CIA analyst, wrote in the note dated March 20, 1964. By that time investigators were concluding Oswald was the lone assassin.

The note says that when Oswald's mother received a psychiatrist's diagnosis that her son, then 13, had "serious personality damage", she ignored it. *(AP)*

Judge puts the 'wild man' of New York back on the street

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A MENTALLY ill homeless man, who has terrorised one of New York's most fashionable residential districts for more than five years, has been released from a psychiatric hospital and told he can remain at liberty if he behaves.

The case of Larry Hogue, known as "the wild man of the Upper West Side", has become a test of the city's laws on involuntary commitment. Many residents of the Upper West Side argued that Mr Hogue should be permanently confined to an institution; his supporters claimed he only became violent when he smoked crack cocaine, and that with rehabilitation he could become a responsible member of society.

A veteran of the Vietnam war, Mr Hogue, 49, received a severe head injury while in the army which psychiatrists say has exacerbated his problems. For years Mr Hogue was a terrifying figure on Manhattan's West 96th Street, where he could often be seen berating, threatening and occasionally assaulting passers-by and local residents. In 1988 he was convicted of pushing a 16-year-old girl in front of a truck. He served a year in prison and was involuntarily committed to a mental hospital on his release.

In June last year he allegedly threw a stone slab through a car window, and then in August he scraped another resident's car with a kitchen knife. He was arrested and held for psychiatric evaluation.

This week a state supreme court judge ruled that he could go free but must return for another psychological evaluation in ten days' time. If he passes that test he will be discharged.

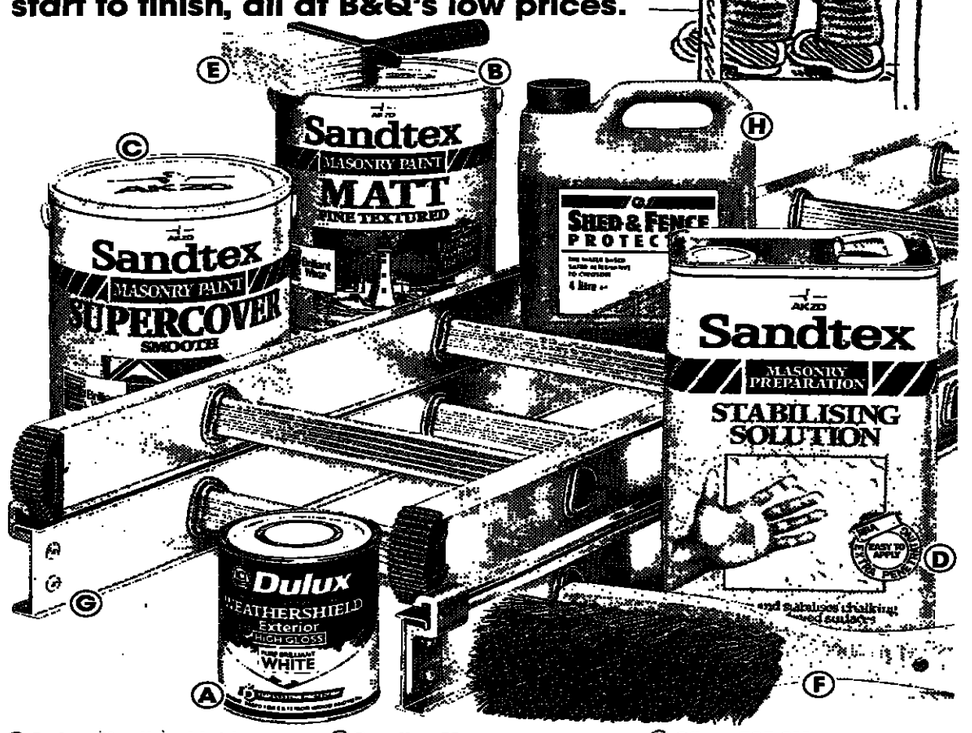
Mr Hogue says he will live with his son in Bridgeport, Connecticut, where some local residents have already expressed fears that he could return to his old ways. He says he has been misrepresented. "All the papers have portrayed me as an angry man terrorising white people and that's not true," he told *The New York Times*. His case, he says, "was blown out of proportion".

His case is one echoed throughout large American cities where the mentally ill and destitute rub shoulders with the well-to-do. If the "wild man" had laid his blanket in the Bronx rather than among the fastidious citizens of the West Side, say his supporters, his name would never have reached the public's ears.

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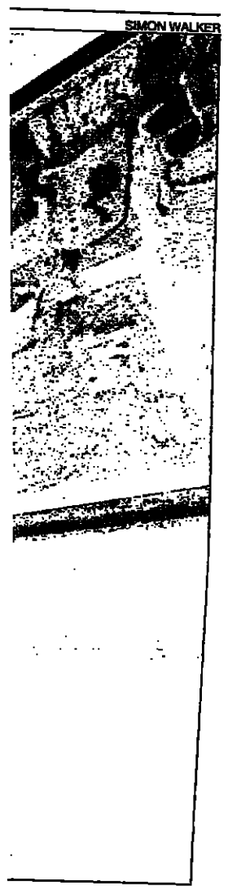
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The hate parade

Has the singer Michael Jackson become the latest star to fall victim to the Hollywood blackmail factory?

There is one important self-help book missing from book stores in Los Angeles: *Coping with Celebrity: A Survival Guide*. "Blackmail", it would advise, "is an occupational hazard of your fame. Success and wealth breeds jealousy. So: 1. Treat any threat as you would an item of sick mail. Hand it immediately to the police, or feed it to your shredding machine. 2. Do not hire a private detective. It looks as if you have something to hide."

Michael Jackson is merely the latest of many naive celebrities to have ignored such advice. Anthony Pellicano, the private "security consultant" who has worked for the 34-year-old pop star for the past four years, has insisted that the current Los Angeles Police Department investigation into the singer's alleged sexual abuse of the 13-year-old son of a wealthy Beverly Hills dentist is the result of a $20 million (£13 million) blackmail attempt.

But, when asked on CNN's *Larry King Live* talk show why he did not immediately report the matter to the police, Pellicano could only answer: "Because I was waiting and watching to see what they would do."

Increasingly cut off from the real world, absurdly overpaid and acutely image-conscious, today's stars are easy prey for opportunist blackmailers. According to Pellicano, Jackson receives between 20 and 30 extortion attempts every year.

Surrounded by an entourage of obsequious lackeys, bodyguards and managers, the slightest threat to their reputation can send stars into a panic.

Adhering to the Hollywood principle that if you throw enough money at a problem it should go away, they are often suckers for scheming conmen. Sylvester Stallone, for example, was one of several Malibu celebrities reportedly targeted last year by a corrupt California Coastal Commissioner who demanded up to £30,000 from them to obtain permission to improve their beachfront homes. FBI files have shown that Elvis Presley was the victim of a blackmail plot contrived by a fraudulent doctor who claimed he had pictures of Presley having sex when he was in the army.



Jackson: denies charge

Celebrities grow accustomed to thinking the measure of success is simply how much money you have — and how much you can get away with. A recent bruising profile in *Spy* magazine of a prominent Hollywood star alleged that he offered money to former intelligence agents to have one of his adversaries framed as a homosexual and two others murdered.

Los Angeles is a town with a reputation for being hip, cosmopolitan and liberal. But as the Heidi Fleiss prostitution scandal has shown, the reality is very different. It is a city built on dirty secrets and hypocrisy — and ruled by fear. Ms Fleiss would meticulously record every call on the four telephone lines that came into her Benedict Canyon mansion. She threatened her clients that she would send tapes to their wives if their cheques bounced. Likewise, Marilyn Monroe was said to have kept recordings of her calls from Jack and Bobby Kennedy. Some maintain that her death was linked to a blackmail plot.

In 1942, Errol Flynn was embroiled in one of Hollywood's most famous scandals when charged with the statutory rape of two under-age girls. One of them, Betty Hansen, picked up by the police for "vagrancy", was found to have Flynn's telephone number in her address book.

She claimed that a tennis match with Flynn and a friend had been followed by a swimming-and-sex orgy. Flynn, she said, had frolicked around naked — although he kept his socks on. Flynn denied the charge. He then received an anonymous phone call. "Tell Jack I want $10,000," the blackmailer said. Jack Warner, Flynn's employer, did not return the call. Flynn was finally cleared of the charge.

Sex and death are never far away in Hollywood, where it is estimated that one in four people working in the "industry" is homosexual, and which has three times the national average of Aids-related deaths. One of the most common blackmail ploys is the targeting of closet homosexual or lesbian stars — especially if their careers have been built on promoting them as heterosexual sex symbols.

According to FBI files, the pianist Liberace paid out thousands of dollars to blackmailers who threatened to reveal his homosexuality. Liberace was still denying he had Aids when he died of a related illness in 1989.

The FBI disclosed that blackmailers set him up with rent-boys and that four other stars had also fallen victim to threats. Liberace made one pay-off of £50,000 in the 1960s when a gay lover threatened to expose him.

A more recent twist has been an extortion racket based on allegations that a star has Aids. Despite Hollywood's tolerant and Aids-conscious image, even so much as a rumour that a celebrity has the virus can stop him or her working.

Burt Reynolds, who became so gaunt he refused to appear in public, has consistently had to deflect rumours over the past three years that he has the disease. His long-standing relationship with the television actress Loni Anderson has just broken up and his recent film, *Rent-A-Cop*, did nothing to boost his flagging career.

Jackson has never helped his public image by being such a recluse. No one quite knows what goes on at his Neverland private fantasyland, near Santa Barbara — but that has not stopped the rumour-mongers.

I wonder whether Jackson remembers that line in the film *The Player*: "So the rumours are true?" "Rumours are always true. You know that.".

But I forgot, Michael. You only watch kiddie cartoons.

WILLIAM CASH

Even a pawn can be a thing of beauty. **Irving Finkel** reflects on twelve centuries of development

Warfare as a fine art

Fine chessmen, it must be admitted, rather like fine violins, have never made a fine player. On the contrary, successful manipulation of 16 miniature instruments of war is much more complicated if your pieces are too ornate, or hard to tell apart, or, worse still, distractingly beautiful.

Most people play chess these days with what are usually called Staunton chessmen, although it was Nathanial Cook who registered the pattern in 1849. The design was vigorously promoted by Howard Staunton, England's premier chess player, who was offensively rude in print about all rival chessmen. The pieces combine balance, clarity, simplicity and beauty, with the result that almost all serious matches since have been played with them. They will be used for the world championship this year.

Chess is still visibly a war game. It evolved in the early centuries AD from an Indian game of battle in which the four divisions of the army serving a king were represented: elephants, horses, chariots and infantry. From there it spread throughout the world, arriving on our own shores by the 11th century.

> 'Indian pieces had bells that could be rung to irritate opponents'

No really early pieces have been found yet in India. But some of the earliest known chessmen are seven ivory figures, footsoldiers and riders, which were excavated by Russian archaeologists at Samarkand. Here the military nature of the game is plainly manifest. All pieces are armed with sword and shield, except the king, who rides abreast a team of three horses and carries a mace. The archaeologists date them to the 8th century AD.

Individual pieces which have survived from medieval times show that chessmen fall into two categories. One consists of carved representational pieces, often quite magnificent, where craftsmen working in ivory, rock crystal, or other precious materials strived to produce their best work for wealthy patrons. The other consists of more practical playing sets, often produced by turning on a lathe. Here the underlying symbolism of the pieces is reduced to a minimum, but for practical, economical or conventional reasons.

This contrast between playing sets and ornamental sets has persisted until modern times. It makes for a wonderful variety in styles.

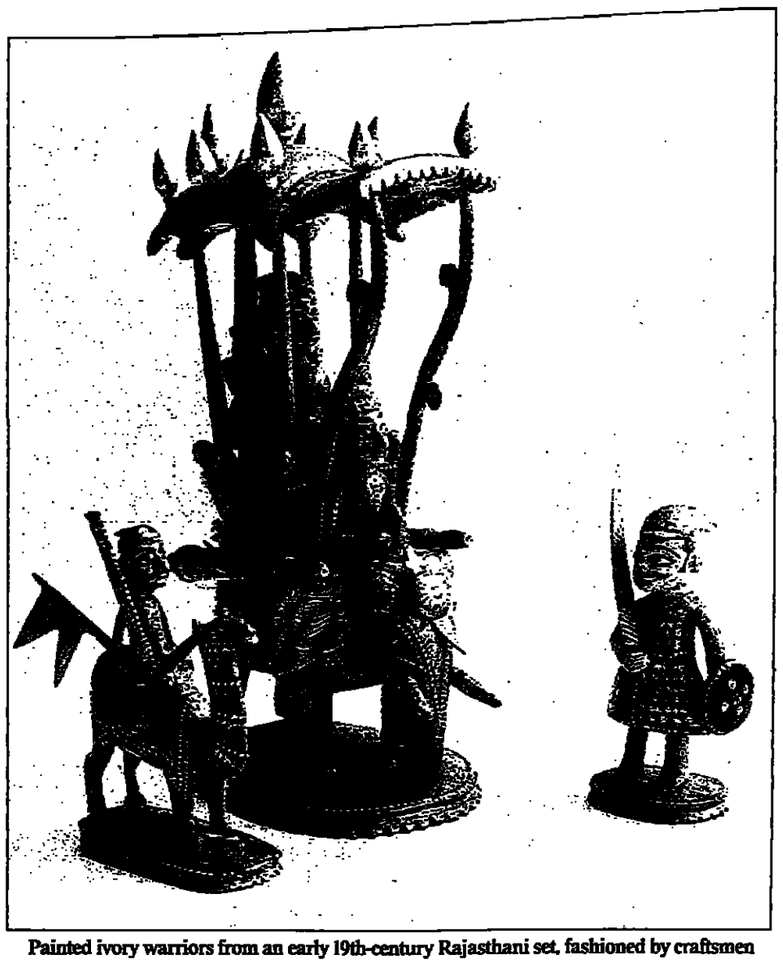
In India, by the 16th ivory craftsmen were adept at producing wondrous carved chessmen, with rajahs and their viziers mounted on war elephants, accompanied by sword-waving colleagues on horses or camels, with a front line of defiant infantry clutching weapons, or flags, or musical instruments. Placed on the board, poised for ferocious battle, they are irresistible even to the non-chessplayer. The V&A have dragooned some of it fine examples into marching across a recent poster in the London Underground, and it has more specimens on exhibition.

Muslim players have always used unadorned chess-pieces of traditional, rather abstract shapes. The important Arab role in disseminating chess has meant that pieces of this kind turn up all over Europe. Some will have been imports, others represent local craftsmanship.

In medieval England, we can see that both types of chess-piece were in use. The 12th-century Lewis chessmen at the British Museum are well known, but scattered in the galleries at Bloomsbury there are other treasures worth hunting for; the huge and sombre Witchampton men, where the Anglo-Saxon queen seems to have been inscribed *Cleopatrus* to avoid confusion with her consort; miscellaneous medieval knights, surrounded by retainers, enduringly braced for conflict with undiminished courage; and some very old elephants from the East, small, weary but unbowed.

Vigorous 19th-century trading also brought countless ornate ivory chess sets from Canton. Some are poorly carved, but the most impressive have hollowed-out "puzzle-balls" carved between the figure and the stem, and can be up to a foot in height. In order to encourage a flagging market, craftsmen sometimes carved the white kings with the faces of western rulers, such as Napoleon.

In contrast, the Chinese have their own form of chess with their own characteristic pieces. These are simple ivory or wooden discs, with the names of the pieces (such as Cannon, or Chariot) written on top. Japanese chess, one step further evolved from the parent game, uses flat pointed tablets, again with the name of the piece inscribed on the upper surface.



Painted ivory warriors from an early 19th-century Rajasthani set, fashioned by craftsmen

From Europe have come many variations of turned or hand-carved chess pieces of wood or ivory, often associated with centres such as Dieppe or Nuremberg (though surprisingly, despite much investigation, it is still not certain where some of the best-known sets were made).

Among the most collectable sets are those that have belonged to famous people or players. They are not always objects of beauty. Adolf Anderssen, an outstanding player of the 19th century, had a set of conventional, lathe-turned bone pieces. By the time he had finished with them, every piece had been replaced or mended with sealing wax.

Sometimes chessmen display an extra element which allows a player an additional psychological weapon. Thomas Hyde, a 17th-century Oxford scholar, describes contemporary Indian pieces with bells inside that could be judiciously rung to irritate one's opponent. A late 18th-century Flemish king in wood has a device which, when pressed, reveals a Fool presenting his bare posterior, a gesture of defiance offering solace to the loser.

Chessmen are often improvised. In trenches and in prison camps they have been whittled out of whatever material is to hand. The Bataks of Sumatra cut their pieces on the spot from sweet bamboo shoots, which are then often thoughtfully chewed on by the winner.

The desire for portability has led to some ingenious developments. French holidaymakers who hankered after a game in the last century, for example, could play on a board etched in the wet sand with bone pieces carved on a spike like spillikins. Travelling sets, with pegged men fitting into holes in the squares, have been available since at least the 18th century. In 1846, Dr Roget, perhaps needing a break from his thesaurus, came up with the idea of a set using flat pieces in a folding wallet.

At various times chessmen have been coerced into propagandistic duty. Outstanding here are ceramic sets documenting the struggle between communism (pawns: happy ladies with sickle and wheatsheaf) and capitalism (pawns: depressed workers in chains) which appeared in Russia after 1917. In other cases, particular battles can be re-enacted on the chessboard, such as "Napoleon versus Frederick the Great," or "Crusaders against Saracens".

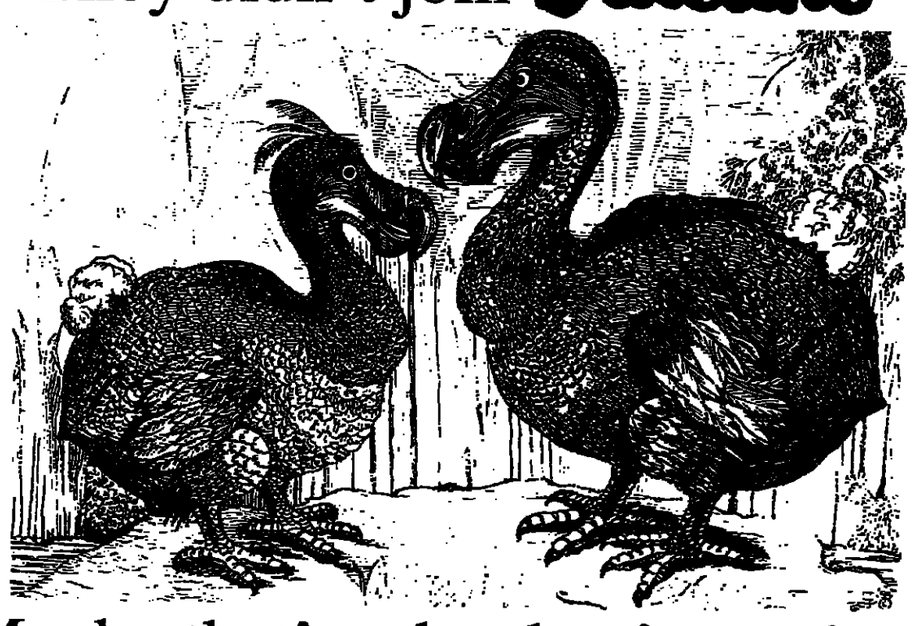
Inventive 20th-century designers have used steel nuts and bolts as chess pieces, and, more recently, Perspex. It is rather curious how the stark, angular and somehow stylistically distilled chessmen produced by the Dadaists of the 1940s, such as Marcel Duchamp or Max Ernst, seem to echo the designs of the earliest known abstract pieces.

● *The author is assistant keeper of western asiatic antiquities at the British Museum.*

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Mole's romance turns sour

Our hero now lives with Bianca ... continuing Sue Townsend's tale



Wednesday January 1st 1992
"Savages" was closed last night, so we went to Trafalgar Square at 11.30pm to see the New Year in.

When Big Ben struck twelve, I found myself kissing and being kissed by strangers, including foreigners. I tried to get to Bianca, but she was surrounded by a party of extrovert Australian persons who were all over seven foot tall. But finally, at 12.03 am. on the 1st of January, we kissed and pledged our troth. I can't believe I've got such a wonderful woman. Why does she love me?

Tuesday January 21st
Had a serious row with Bianca tonight. She accused me of: (a) Never wanting to go out (b) Excessive reading (c) Excessive writing (d) Contempt for Britain's industrial heritage (e) Farting in bed

Monday January 27th
Newly reconciled, we went to the National Film Theatre tonight and saw a film about a Japanese woman who cuts her lover's penis off. I sat with my legs tightly crossed and at intervals looked nervously across at Bianca, who was staring up at the screen and smiling.

Saturday February 8th
I rang my mother and found that she has been seeing a counsellor. A debt counsellor. I have been wondering for some time how she has been paying her mortgage. She hasn't. I said that Bianca and I would come to Leicester tomorrow. She sounded pathetically grateful.

Sunday February 9th
When we got to St Pancras Station. Bianca told me to look up. "You are looking at one of the largest unsupported arch structures in the whole world," she said "Isn't it beautiful?" I'm always forgetting that Bianca is a qualified engineer. She doesn't look like one and since I've known her, she's only ever worked as a shop assistant and a waitress.

At the house, I could tell my mother she was inwardly distraught — at one point, she had one cigarette in her mouth, another in the ashtray and another burning on the edge of the kitchen window sill. I asked her how she'd got into such terrible debt.

It seemed that Martin Muffet, her boyish husband, needed the fees to finish his degree course. She borrowed a thousand pounds from a finance company, at an interest rate of 24.7 per cent.

I urged her to tell Muffet the true nature of their financial situation, but she became hysterical and said, "No, no, he *must* finish his engineering degree."

I seem to be surrounded by engineers. When Martin came in, I introduced him to Bianca. Within seconds, they were bonded. They talked non-stop about St Pancras Station and unsupported arch structures. It is some time since I saw Bianca so animated. They sat next to each other at the dinner table and volunteered to wash and dry afterwards.

Monday February 10th
I have no idea what time Bianca came up last night. She must have got into bed beside me without waking me up. All I know is that Muffet and my mother are not speaking and that I am utterly miserable.

Tuesday February 11th
All I can think about is the way that Muffet looked at Bianca and the way that Bianca looked at Muffet when they said goodbye on Monday morning at Leicester station.

Saturday February 15th
Bianca is going to Leicester for the day on Monday, to see my mother. I wish I could go with her, but I am now working a 16-hour day, seven days a week. Somebody has to keep my mother out of prison.

Monday February 17th
Bianca was very kind to me this evening. She assured me that nothing has changed regarding her feelings towards me. But she was talking to me on the telephone from Leicester. She has arranged to stay another day, to help my mother.

Wednesday February 19th
I rang Grandma and I casually asked her if she had seen anything of Bianca. She casually answered that she had seen Bianca and Muffet on the top deck of a number twenty-nine bus, heading towards the town. She threw in a few details. They were laughing. Bianca was holding a bunch of freesias. And Muffet looked "happier than I've ever seen him". Thanks, Grandma.

Sunday February 23rd
I was on the platform when the train came in and saw Bianca jump onto the platform. I ran towards her, holding a bunch of daffodils I'd bought from a stall outside the Underground on Oxford Street. Then, to my surprise, I saw Martin Muffet step down from the train, carrying two large suitcases.

Bianca said: "I'm sorry Adrian."

Muffet said: "So am I."

To be quite honest, I didn't know what to say. I turned away, leaving the two engineers under the engineering miracle of St Pancras Station and made my way back to Old Compton Street. I don't know what happened to the daffodils, but I hadn't got them when I arrived home.

TOMORROW: Adrian Mole goes in search of himself

● Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years *will be published by Methuen London on August 31 (£8.99).*

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Dangerous diet of exercise . . . kittens give claws for concern . . . let sleeping babies lie — on their backs

Athletes who lean too far



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

THE performances of Sally Gunnell, Linford Christie and Colin Jackson at Stuttgart will doubtless have inspired thousands of lesser athletes to redouble their efforts by spending longer in training, and to refine their techniques so that even if they don't make the Olympics they may earn a paragraph in the local paper.

At the same time, but less desirably, this emphasis on athleticism may have triggered anorexia nervosa in a few people with vulnerable personalities.

The relationship between an obsessive enthusiasm for physical exercise and anorexia has been accepted since the 1960s, when it was first realised that many of those with stringent training programmes were not so much competing against their opponents, or even the clock, but against the bathroom scales and the tape measure.

Until recently, it had been assumed by psychiatrists that an exercise regime that was so severe as to be damaging to a person's social and professional life was just another means for the patient to lose what they saw as excessive weight. At the same time it served, perhaps, as a useful demonstration to critical family and friends that their dieting had left their physical prowess undiminished.

The traditional view was that the exercise was only a secondary phenomenom in the anorexic syndrome, helping to reinforce the patient's efforts to achieve what to the rest of the world seemed a bizarre body image. Once a more normal pattern of eating had been resumed, any addiction to the treadmill, in whatever form, would wane.

A review in the *Journal of Behaviour Psychology* on over-exercising and anorexia by Clive Long, senior clinical psychologist at St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, and Jennifer Smith of the Department of Psychiatry at Leicester General Infirmary, emphasises that excessive exercising can — and often does — predate the dieting; and that even after a more normal weight has been regained, the patient's training programme may still be so extreme as to destroy a normal social life.

Estimates on the proportion of anorexics who exercised to extreme levels vary between a third to three-quarters; the difference can, it seems, be attributed to what is defined as "reasonable". Certainly not all anorexics are hyperactive, nor are all athletes potentially anorexic, although the ability of very heavy exercise to lead to anorexia in susceptible individuals was first described in the *Journal of Comprehensive Psychiatry* in 1986.

Few of the patients addicted to exercise felt their needs satisfied if they had less than two hours of vigorous activity a day. Many spent very much longer working out, and were disturbed if they were deprived, demonstrating many of the usual withdrawal symptoms — irritability, depression, even guilt — of addicts deprived of their fix.



The runners Christie and Gunnell show sport's healthier side

At the Eating Disorders Unit in St Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, the treatment used to encourage anorexics to eat has been modified, with success, to wean excessive exercisers away from their addiction so that they may once again have time for a happy normal social life.

Cat nipped

NOBODY who has watched a kitten playing, and suffered from the scratches of their claws or been bitten by their needle-sharp teeth would have been surprised by recent research published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Doctors have shown that kittens were 30 times more likely to transmit cat scratch disease than an old moggy, however decrepit or diseased.

Cat scratch disease is one of the mysteries of medicine, as the exact nature of the organism which causes it is unknown. For many years the infecting agent was thought to be a form of chlamydia; but more recently Rochalimaea henselae has been the prime suspect, and antibodies of this organism were found in many of the patients that the research workers investigated. Bacilli were first demonstrated but not identified from infected patients in 1984.

In cat scratch disease, a minor bite or scratch becomes inflamed and pustular; a few weeks later lymph glands, usually those nearest the wound, but sometimes further afield, become swollen, tender and may later break down to form an abscess. Complications include infection of the eyes, parinauds, ocular glandular syndrome, involvement of glands at the base of the lung, and even, rarely, encephalitis and transverse myelitis (inflammation of the spinal cord).

Occasionally, the inflamed glands need surgery, but the other complications usually resolve and lasting damage is rare, although the disease may take months to clear.

Fresh breath

VISITORS to America are often amazed to find that the message that babies should sleep on their backs has not yet crossed the Atlantic, where many babies are still lying face down in their cots and buggies, and mothers are still using soft mattresses.

It is not certain why putting a baby on its back in the cot should make such a dramatic difference to the incidence of sudden infant death syndrome, or cot death, but a possible explanation is given by New Zealand research workers reporting in the *Archives of Diseases in Childhood*.

Their research has shown that babies who lie face down on a soft mattress, or even on their sides if certain soft bedding materials are used, rebreathe their own expired breath, which has collected in hollows in the bedding. This air contains 10 per cent carbon dioxide. The doctors contend that it is this surfeit of carbon dioxide which in many cases precipitates disaster, although there may be many other causes of the sudden infant death. The doctors recommend that if the baby is likely to roll over, parents should make certain that they either use a firm mattress, or one covered by an old-fashioned rubber sheet, which reduces the amount of air which is rebreathed by the baby.

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university leavers, most of em engineers, and it will ck the best of the crop. The Lucas "shopping list" skills sought among gradu- e recruits should serve as a ason for all involved in edu- tion and training. Top of e list is communication ills. Team working ranks cond. Problem solving, ana- ical skills, flexibility, adapt- ility, intra-personal skills, cision making and ability make independent judg- nts all figure. Numeracy nks in ninth place. Only artistic scientists or ntific artists need apply.

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SIMON WALKER

Can charity cure all ills?

Public giving may distort medical research, says **Aileen Ballantyne**

A few weeks ago on a perfect summer's day, hundreds of middle-aged women donned their best coats and hats and travelled by coach to the grounds of Syon House, west London, to meet the Queen.

Alongside some of the country's leading academic medical research scientists, they were guests of honour at a Royal Garden Party to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Cancer Research Campaign (CRC), one of Britain's largest charities.

But it was more than a pleasant break from committee meetings and fund raisers; for the scientists and the doctors a day away from the laboratories and the bedsides of cancer patients. The fundraisers were treated with special respect by the scientists as the CRC and the other main British cancer charity, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) provide an annual cancer research budget of about £90 million. Only £13 million is specifically earmarked for cancer research by the government's Medical Research Council (MRC).

It is these charities and not the government which provide the main hope of a cure for the one in three of us who will, one day, contract cancer. Britain's medical research is more dependent than that of any other developed country on charitable income, but is this the best way to fight killer diseases? The Association of Medical Research Charities points out, for example, that the 73 charities which make up their membership spent £267 million on medical research last year, while the MRC 1992 budget was £195 million.

Both the CRC and ICRF predate the National Health Service by many years. The CRC has 1,200 fund-raising committees throughout the country, many of which were set up after the first world war to buy radium for their local hospital. On May 7, 1929, the CRC, then the British Empire Cancer Campaign, ran a simple, understated appeal in *The Times* asking for funds to buy radium left over from the war following encouraging results in radium treatment for cancer of the cervix. "The appeal raised £150,000 in a matter of months — an enormous amount of money then," says Professor Gordon McVie, the scientific director of the CRC. The money raised was matched, pound for pound by the Ministry of Health.

It was radiotherapy treatment — and public appeals for radium — which helped make childhood cancer a curable disease. Professor McVie points out that 20 years ago, when he first started as an oncologist, things were different. "All children with cancer died."

The breakthrough came as a result of charitably funded clinical trials of radiotherapy and chemotherapy, examining the toxic side effects. The success rate of such treatments has greatly increased. Half the children with cancer now live; 70 per cent of children with leukaemia survive.

One of the greatest advantages of Britain's dependence on charitable giving for medical research is a dialogue with the public, but does this mean other research is squeezed out? One of the most promising areas for future treatment of cancer for children lies in gene therapy, but because funding is based on legacies, fund-raising and collecting tins, there is little scope for the flexibility needed suddenly to channel large amounts of money into this new branch of scientific endeavour. "Because the cake is so small it is very difficult to move it around in response to new breakthroughs," Professor McVie says.

"It is very difficult to keep money back for what might be around the corner. You can't say to the ladies who run the coffee morning, 'We have just discovered this gene that appears to suppress cancer. We need you to find another £5 million to put it into a mouse to see if it really does prevent cancer'."

Compared with the British Heart Foundation (BHF), which spent £25 million last year on research and prevention of heart disease (Britain's number one killer), the cancer charities have an inbuilt advantage, which highlights the intrinsically inequitable consequences of depending on charitable funding. Cancer, unlike a heart attack, is a disease that warns you of your impending death. Many of the legacies that make up the bulk of the cancer charities' funds are made by cancer sufferers who have changed their wills towards the end of life.

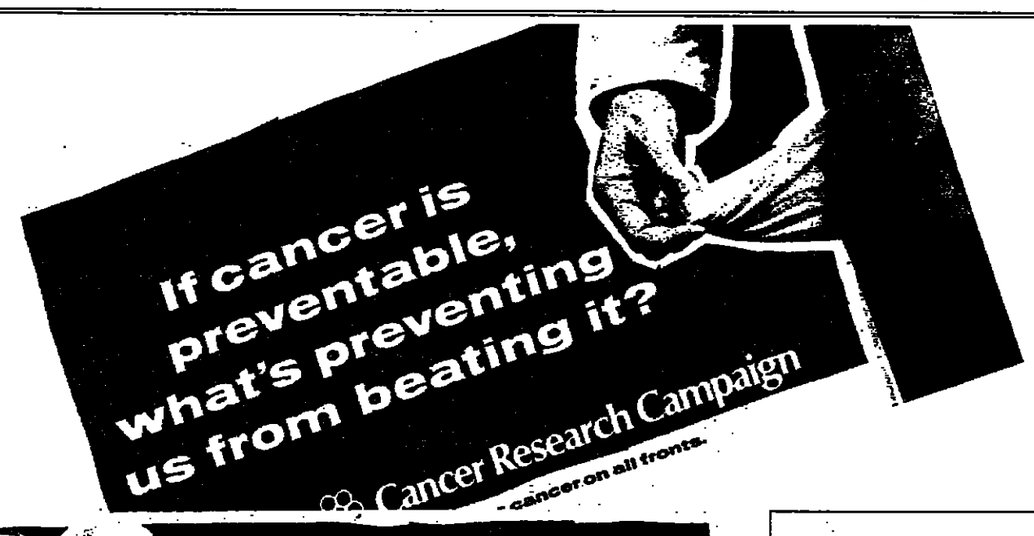
Ms Diana Garnham, the general secretary of the Association of Medical Research Charities, says: "Perhaps the BHF would have done better financially if they had put solicitors into ambulances instead of defibrillators."

Professor Brian Pentecost, the medical director of the BHF, says the worst thing about his job is the number of people who say to him: "I wouldn't mind putting money in, as long as I knew it would be spent on a real breakthrough." It is not necessarily the kind of thinking that produces real scientific advances.

Dr Joe Collier, the editor of the Consumers' Association *Drug and Therapeutics Bulletin*, says that the lack of government funding for arthritis research means that a wide range of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory "money spinner" drugs are constantly being developed, but second-line treatment, which could greatly alleviate suffering for thousands of people with rheumatoid arthritis, is being ignored.

Dr Collier says: "If you want to know what suffers from our system of dependence on charitable and drug company funding in Britain just look at anything to do with surgery, or rehabilitation, or indeed anything that is apparently 'boring'."

If you suffer from a common, life-threatening illness such as cancer or heart disease then you will be well served by the peculiar British system, which ensures that research is not dictated by government, is conducted openly and is judged purely on its scientific value. But if you have an illness few have heard of you may be out of luck.





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THE GIFT FOR RADIUM.

A LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER.

PLEA FOR VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS.

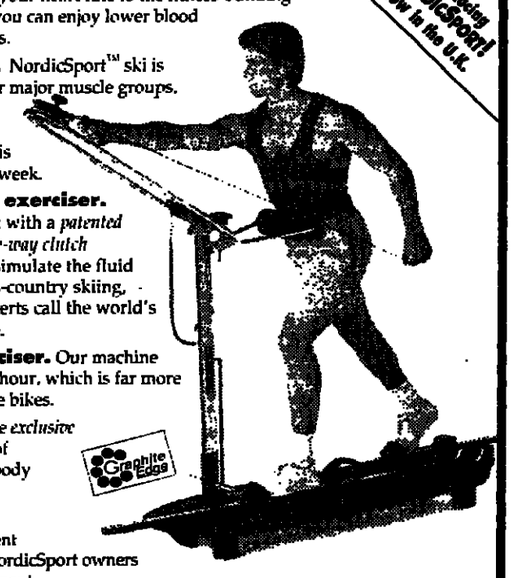
TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

Sir,—I trust that I may be allowed to express on behalf of his Majesty's Government the deep gratification with which they have seen the swift and spontaneous response of the public to the opportunity offered in your columns, and with-

The prime minister gives thanks for the 1929 appeal in *The Times*

The cancer charities raise £90 million for research each year; but the government specifically earmarks only £13 million for cancer research

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Would you opt for a jury trial? **Ian Robertson** suggests reasons to think twice before doing so

Twelve biased men

The Lord Chancellor has provoked outrage by proposing that under certain circumstances the right to trial by jury, the foundation of English justice since the Magna Carta, should be waived.

Certainly the limitations of a jury's ability to come to informed decisions about guilt or innocence in technically complex fraud and other trials have become apparent. But how *do* juries reach their verdicts in more ordinary cases? Astonishingly, it seems that we simply do not know. Professor Reid Hastie of the University of Colorado has searched but failed to find any "unified description of the nature of juror decision processes in the legal literature."

Is this such a big problem? Surely jurors simply listen carefully, weigh up the evidence and apply the rules of logic in order to decide on guilt or innocence. If that is the case, then why are the vast majority of cases (in America at least) majority verdicts, with unanimity among jurors being relatively rare? This means that something else other than the evidence itself is influencing the jurors, and that something can only reside inside jurors themselves. Justice is at least partly at the mercy of the personalities, abilities and attitudes of the jury sitting at the time.

Considering that educationists agree that the usual optimal concentration span of university students at any one point in time is around 20 minutes, it is hard to see how the average juror can take in all of the thousands of pages of evidence in trials lasting days, weeks or even months. Of course they may be worried about what's happening at home during a crucial piece of testimony. Or they might have started day dreaming about their weekend plans.



British justice at work, 1881

But quite apart from ability to concentrate on and remember vast amounts of information, there comes the question of attitudes which jurors bring to the trial. In America one attitude which affects the verdict jurors are likely to come to is whether or not they are in favour of the death penalty. Jurors in favour of the death penalty are more likely to convict, while those against are more likely to acquit, given that they have heard identical evidence.

Why should favouring the death penalty lead you more readily to find someone guilty of a crime? Professor Hastie's book suggests three possible answers: first, the pro-execution jurors would more readily accept police evidence because they like police officers more than anti-death penalty jurors, and we know that people are more likely to believe what they are told by those they like than by those they don't like.

Secondly, one only makes sense of large amounts of information by summarising, simplifying and mental gap-filling. Logical thought would be impossible without such mental tricks. Contradictions are ironed out in this way, and missing links filled in, but inevitably, individual attitudes and preconceptions have a big hand in this. So pro-death penalty people with their pro-prosecution feelings will tend to fill them in to favour the prosecution and vice versa for the antis.

Finally, pro-death penalty people seem to have a less stringent concept of "beyond reasonable doubt" than anti-death penalty individuals. And when asked to rate how much regret they would experience in a hypothetical situation where an innocent person was convicted of murder, the pros reported much less regret than the antis.

And what about the process of weighing up the evidence itself? Professor Hastie's book suggests that jurors often come to a global conclusion about important issues, and then go about finding the evidence to support it. In so doing, they may actually mishear evidence which actually goes against their opinion as *supporting* it.

They also tend to "double count" evidence about the same issue as being separate corroborative points in favour of the view they have come to. For instance, the fact that two witnesses said that they saw the accused throw something into the sea does not constitute two separate pieces of evidence that the defendant actually disposed of a murder weapon. Yet the human mind, with its tendency to try to bolster up its own preconceptions, has a tendency to give double weight to a single piece of evidence supporting its views.

Maybe there is truth in the old adage that people who love sausages (and jury decisions) should never watch them being made.

● Inside the Juror: The Psychology Of Juror Decision Making *edited by Reid Hastie, Cambridge University Press, £35.*

Janet Daley



■ Whitehall, white paper, whitewash: much more is needed if the habit of secrecy is to change

How much is it good for you to know? The minister for openness, William Waldegrave, has delivered the government's answer: not a lot. Having killed off Mark Fisher's private member's bill, which included the revolutionary concept of a grown-up citizenry able to cope with pertinent information about how it is governed, the ministry has offered a white paper which recognises not a right to know, but a right to complain about not knowing.

You may feel that you were already in possession of such a right. I for one devote much of my working life to exercising it: badgering and protesting at the impenetrable fog in which British public life is conducted. So what's new? Well, for one thing, says the beneficent Ministry for Not Quite Open Government, a much more *satisfying* complaints procedure. Instead of simply banging your head against a stone wall of smug bureaucracy, you will be able to bleat about your frustrations to the parliamentary ombudsman.

And what precisely will the ombudsman do? Well, he will consider your request very carefully. And then, assuming that he decides that your reasons for wanting this information are good enough, he will — wait for it — *recommend* that the agency in question *answer your particular, properly framed question*. That's it.

> The classes that govern haven't got the hang of trusting the people

The new code of practice is purely voluntary except in two areas in which the ministry for NQOG is actually offering a fully-fledged new legal right to know: health and safety information and non-computerised personal files (you already have legal access to those on computer). Presumably, winning this concession so depleted Mr Waldegrave's resources, that his battle against the "culture of secrecy" collapsed in exhaustion. But don't get too excited about this small victory. Even the health and safety category is limited: startlingly, it excludes information on medicines. Britons wishing to know whether their tablets have a suspicious history will still have to contact the American Food and Drug Administration.

The white paper rather optimistically suggests that any government agency faced with a recommendation to disclose will feel obliged to do so. But then again, it may not. In which case, the ombudsman will be powerless to do anything about it. Even if the embarrassment does result in a disclosure, it will be of the most minimal and least useful kind. For the mandarins who take it upon themselves to decide how much you need to know about, for example, the health service, or consumer protection or transport policy, will remain behind a curtain of inscrutability.

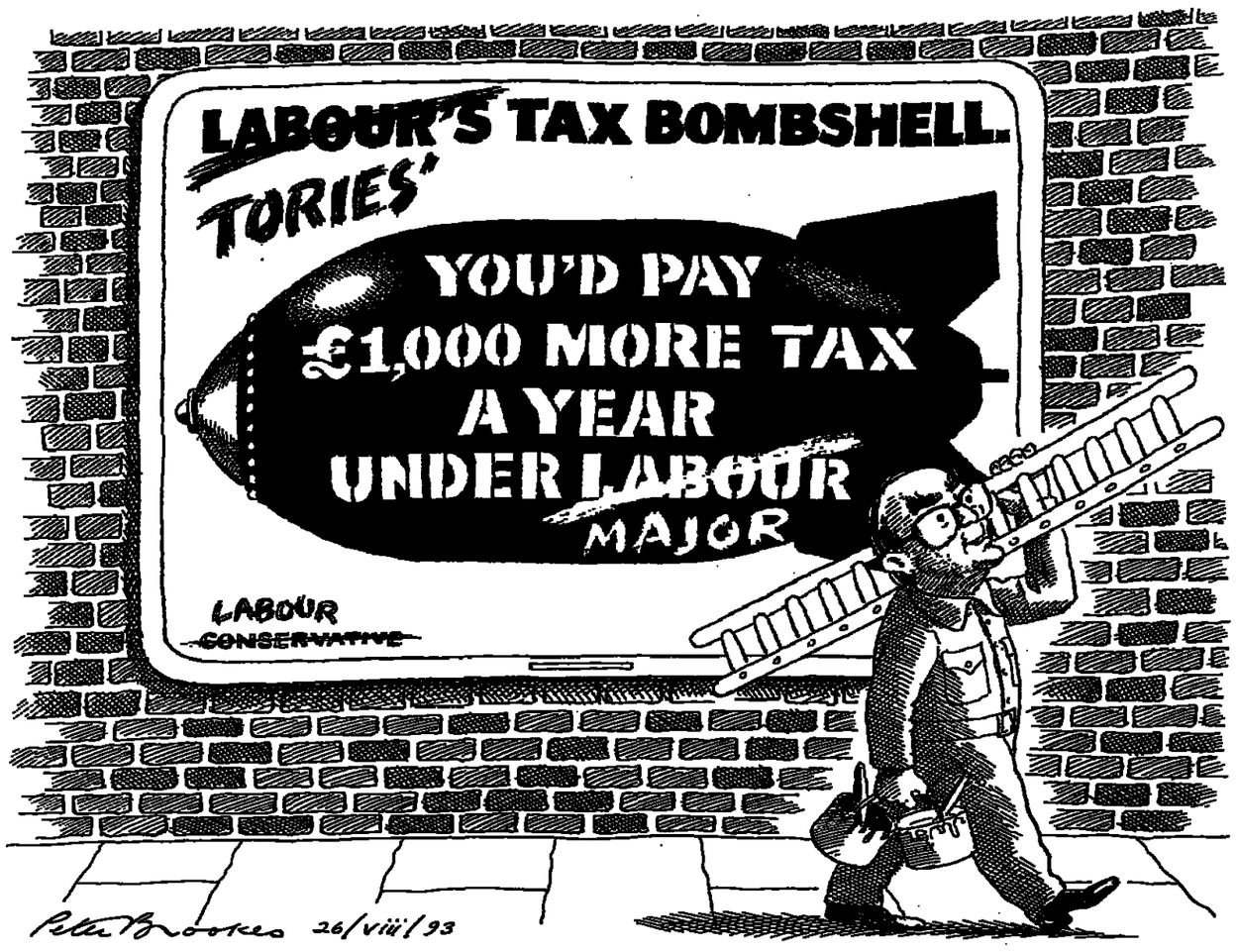
You may, by right, demand to know about those governmental decisions that actually put your life at risk, and you may venture to enquire about others, but in both cases you will have to be content with a predigested Whitehall version of truth. For what this new, modernised and improved model of openness guarantees is nothing more than the bare facts on government practice, and these only in the form of answers to specific questions.

Should you wish to know what determines the trade department's policy on possible anti-competitive behaviour by the supermarket chains, or how the Ministry of Agriculture administers its more ridiculous directives to farmers, you will be offered the official conclusions — which is to say, the excuses — by which those departments justify themselves. You will not be allowed access to any of the documents, the correspondence, the expert testimony, or the contradictory advice which the ministry used (or ignored) in reaching its decision.

In other words, all that you will be given is a fuller enunciation of government policy, not any of the material which might have provided grounds for judging it. A minister may have sought advice from a dozen sources on a favoured programme, and a majority of them may have advised against it, supporting their objections with cogent and well-researched arguments, but no critic of that programme will ever get access to that potentially damaging material. All that he will get will be a potted digest of that advice which the ministry chose (perhaps misguidedly) to follow.

What has been lost in the transition from Mr Fisher's bill to this pitiful squib of a white paper is any sense of there being a *right* to information: of government being obliged to justify withholding knowledge rather than demanding that the public have a jolly good reason for requesting it. The Campaign for Freedom of Information seems to have won the battle of public opinion and lost the war of Whitehall.

An opinion poll conducted by the Economic and Social Research Council shows that freedom of information is most people's top priority for guaranteeing civil liberties. But resistance to it is not based just on a need to cover up maladministration. It is a remnant of feudal paternalism: a failure to understand what democracy — faith in the *demos* — really involves. The message has got through to a population no longer prepared to hand over unquestioning trust to its betters. But the governing classes have not got the hang of it at all.



The age of education

Martin Ivens imagines what the Tory record will look like in years to come

For what great achievements will the Major government be remembered when the historians of British political life produce their fat volumes on "John Major: The Thousand Days"?

On Europe the historians will say we were muddling along much as before: we had put our feet in the water but were still disinclined to swim. Privatisation continued apace, but it was a peculiarly Thatcherite policy which left only the most tarnished items of the family silver on the government's market stall — the mines and the railways. Open government? Well, do you seriously expect academics to believe in fairies?

No, Major's government was inclined to boast that it ended "the great debate" on education initiated by James Callaghan in the troubled decade of the 1970s, when it became firmly established in political mythology that a poor academic performance relative to the rest of the developed world had resulted in industrial decline. (Of course, we know better now. It was the Portillo government's decision, in a Treasury-driven exercise, to put the school-leaving age back to 14 which produced a remarkable generation of rugged individualists who restored Britain's fortunes early in the 21st century.)

As for John Major's rhetoric about the classless society, cynical historians have some sympathy for the view that it was all a Harold-Wilson-style public relations ploy. Others suggest that all this talk about class expressed Mr Major's genuine chippiness about the sort of toff to be found lounging around *The Sunday Telegraph* and *The Spectator* in the early 1990s. But the fair-minded give the prime minister the benefit of the doubt. Mr Major, whatever his other failings, genuinely cared about expanding education for all and about improving its quality. They point to the vast expansion of the universities during the Major years, which went largely unremarked at the time, and the various attempts to improve testing and assessment in schools.

Despite a steep decline in the number of 18-year-olds, numbers in higher education continued to rise until the percentage began to approach the levels of France or the United States. Curiously, the government rarely trumpeted its policy. There were no attempts by an otherwise populist cabinet to make tough-sounding speeches inspired by the works of such philistine gurus of industrial competitiveness as Peter Drucker. Oddly, ministers failed to extol the virtues of educating people in order to maintain a technological cutting-edge, a skilled society. There were no rousing calls to engage in a desperate social Darwinian struggle with the Western developed world, befoe combating the peril from the Pacific. Nobody even said it was better to send young people to university than have them show up in the ranks of the unemployed. How unlike Harold Wilson, whose proudest boast was always to have established the Open University.

Nor did the then education secretary, John Patten, even bolster his policy with an appeal to sweetness and light. As a Roman Catholic, he should have cited Cardinal Newman on the benefits to society of a student who acquires civilised values: "He apprehends the great outlines of knowledge, the principles on which it rests, the scale of its parts, its lights and its shades, its great points and its little, as otherwise he cannot apprehend them. Hence it is that this education is called 'liberal'. A habit of mind is formed which lasts through life, of which the attributes are freedom."

> It was putting the school-leaving age back to 14 that restored Britain's fortunes early in the 21st century

So quiet was this social revolution that not even Sir Peregrine Worsthorne, gun-toting advocate of *noblesse oblige*, was alerted to the danger of opening the universities to the mob — whether armed or no. Otherwise the Sage of Canary Wharf would have warned of the danger posed by numbers to the maintenance of standards in the bastions of the élite. Incredibly, even he failed to note that polytechnics were now scandalously permitted to usurp the noble title of university.

Sowhy did the Tory dog fail to bark? The answer to the puzzle lay in the besetting sin of the Major government: an acute and longlasting attack of the jitters. Like Corporal Jones in the popular 1970s television series *Dad's Army*, ministers were far too inclined to run around in circles bleating "Don't panic, don't panic", when the going got tough. As the cost of implementing the expansion of university places to a record 775,000 became apparent, Mr Patten, back at work from his mystery illness, heeded the call for public expenditure restraint. The public sector borrowing requirement was approaching £50 billion, so it was necessary to *halt further growth — lest* the Tory left and right kamikaze squads fight to the finish over the merits of higher taxation versus public expenditure cuts.

In the process, parents were enraged when children who passed their arts A-levels in record numbers were denied a place at university. If, at this time, you asked a middle-class layman whether he thought the government was responsible for denying school children a higher education or for expanding university places, there was no contest. John Patten was Scrooge and Gradgrind rolled into one.

But why didn't Major's government fund university expansion by charging for places? Because, and it seems a strange shibboleth now, to have abandoned the Robbins ideal of free universal higher education would have upset their middle-class supporters. Historians point to the precedent of the Thatcher government's surrender in 1984, when parent-power and backbench Tory MPs scuppered Keith Joseph's plans to increase parental contributions.

But, brighter students may ask, didn't the university vice-chancellors' committee suggest a way of financing greater student numbers by proposing an undergraduate credit modelled on the Australian higher education contribution scheme? That scheme enabled students to borrow their tuition and maintenance costs, and then repay the loan through the tax system as quickly or slowly as their their incomes allowed. In Labor-governed Australia, universities were thereby enabled to expand by almost a quarter between 1989 and 1993, and still met the supposedly phillistine requirement of being cost-effective.

But surely a decent Opposition would have hammered the government for denying higher education to the working classes by demanding payment? A recently discovered document records a speech about university funding given by Jeff Rooker, then Labour's higher education spokesman, to the Socialist Education Association in 1992, in which he said: "Social equity demands that we look to all possible sources of revenue from those we can afford to pay... The issue of a contribution from the wealthy must be considered." Labour clearly knew that the social composition of the university intake had hardly changed over the previous 20 years, despite Robbins. Higher education for all might have been a splendid platform on which to fight. But instead there was silence.

Yes, but what about Tory voters? A Mori poll in 1992 showed that middle class views were not forever immutable. It found that more than half of those earning more than £15,000 were prepared to pay tuition fees of up to £1,000 a year.

With its first 1,000 days over, the Major government still had huge parts of its educational programme yet to complete. National testing for schoolchildren had got off to a very shaky start when the unwieldly workload of the national curriculum gave teachers the opportunity to attack ministers' reforms across a broad front, and particularly to resist all school league tables.

On the GCSE examination, Mr Patten was reluctant to comment on a sixth successive year of statistically improved performances. After 14 years of Tory rule, there seemed to be little agreement about basic educational standards. The common perception was of thousands of children leaving school semi-literate and without qualifications. There was still much ground to be won, but many suspected the government had lost heart and would give in to the demands of the teachers' unions.

Only time would have told. Through the telescope of history it is not clear why the government collapsed just before the Tory party conference in October 1993. Some suggest it was the imminent publication of the contents of Lady Thatcher's black book on her old colleagues that prompted their mass resignation.

William Rees-Mogg is on holiday.

Mothers' day has come

Libby Purves on sentimentality about the family

The popular image of the Mothers' Union is of a lumbering she-dinosaur: a comfy leftover from the (half-fictional) days when curates got their slippers embroidered. But unlike the dinosaur, it seems remarkably keen on evolving. Its latest bombshell came in the journal *Home & Family*, which openly criticises the "inflated importance" given to the traditional unit of mother, father and children. This, says Christine McMullen, can be stifling and imprisoning, and might be bettered by concentrating on the Old Testament model of extended clans. "We cannot", says the editor of the magazine, "think in terms of purely the nuclear family any more."

For which, I believe, the dinosaur should take a bow. The name of the family is taken too often in vain — by politicians, moralists, and assorted axe-grinders — and is hardly ever discussed with any charity, inventiveness or acknowledgement of change. I recently finished a book on family life, having delivered it inexcusably late because I actually could not bear to write the introduction. Anyone who speaks of the family in general terms enters a snake-pit: a hissing confusion of bigotry and sentimentality. Rival pundits shout, "Family life is in decline! I blame the Pill / working mothers / Mrs Thatcher / the Rolling Stones!" Or, "Families mess you up!"

Once, nobody said anything about the family that you could not embroider on a sampler — "Blood is thicker than water" or "A boy's best friend is his mother". People lived with what they had: whether it was a classic nuclear unit or an aunt or granny or elder sister. Home was the place of shelter; as Robert Frost said, "when you have to go there, they have to take you in". Families were people bound to you by blood or early memory, and habitual — even if grudging or flawed — affection. Occasional utopianists suggested kibbutzin or polygamy, but by and large for those who didn't like it the only option was to bale out at 18.

Now the family is a scapegoat for everything governments can't or won't, change. "Family values" are invoked by unmarried, peacock-vain, male politicians who rarely go near an actual child. A classic of the genre was the claim of the unmarried Alan Duncan (Rutland and Melton, Conservative) on Friday's *Any Questions* that the child of the "Home Alone" mother wouldn't miss her in jail, as she "hadn't seen much of her for the last year or two": he forgot, perhaps, the 24-hour and seven-day nature of parenthood. It is too easy to look back at some imaginary ideal family from the cover of the *Radio Times* circa 1939, to wring your hands over single mothers or co-habitation, to ignore the tyrannies and miseries which can occur in conventional families, and deny the happiness that can be built outside them.

We have to live with what we have got. Only one household in four consists of two parents and dependent children: one in four of those will end in divorce. The only hope is in tolerance, mutual help and above all a refusal to polarise arguments. Free spirits and traditionalists both have useful things to say: while it is true that you do not need a gold wedding-ring to give a child security, it is equally true that a procession of "stepfathers" does not help either. Living in emotional chaos is bad for a child: but so is existence in the family "cocoon", hiding in a bunker watching videos with the burglar-alarm set and refusing to engage with the surrounding community. The cocoon, chill and mean and hostile and afraid, is one of the worst starts any child can have. If the Mothers' Union is prepared to accept that this might be so, it is doing us all a favour.

Off the record...

WITH LESS than a month to go before BBC1's *On the Record* goes back on the air, the producers have approached John Humphrys, the scourge of Radio 4's *Today* programme, to fill the presenter's seat vacated by Jonathan Dimbleby.

Humphrys refuses to comment but friends say that, despite the fact that he will be working at least four days a week on *Today* when Brian Redhead steps down next spring, he is giving the offer serious thought. They say he is excited by the possibility of conducting full-length political interviews for the first time.

He would have the backing of colleagues in the industry. Sir Alastair Burnet — whose comment seven years ago that "BBC newscasters are ex-actors" caused Humphrys to respond that Burnet's "holier-than-thou attitude has been getting up my nose for years" — has clearly mellowed. Burnet gives Humphrys an enthusiastic thumbs-up. "He would be very good at the job. He is a very reliable pair of hands, has great experience and knows about foreign as well as domestic politics." As for his previous jibe, Burnet adds: "I can't understand why he took it so personally."

Humphrys would also command respect among politicians, it seems. Bryan Gould, formerly of Labour's front bench, who turned down the *On the Record* job earlier this year, says: "I was in the *Today* studio recently and had a brief chat with John. He was quizzing me, asking whether I was still interested. But the episode is definitely in the past — I do not want to give up my political career.

"John would be very good at it. He is a very experienced interviewer and no stranger to the television camera. He is abrasive, but that is one of the functions of a good interviewer."

● *It must have been quite some lunch. An article on journalists' pay in early editions of yesterday's* Evening Standard, *which hits the streets around mid-day, gave the annual salary of* The Independent's *political editor, Donald Macintyre, as £50,000. When the later editions came out after lunch, his pay had risen to £75,000. Macintyre is mystified. "Both figures are wrong, but the second figure is a lot wronger."*

DIARY

Sing for supper

REFRESHMENTS appear to be assuming quite some importance under the new regime at the English National Opera whose 1993-4 season opens tomorrow night with Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra*.



Under Dennis Marks, general director, and Sian Edwards, music director, the ENO's bars will, for the first time, be offering drinks and meals after the performance.

The performance in question is *La Bohème*, which, unusually, will be staged next month without an interval. Anticipating an audience drained of emotion and deprived of interval refreshment, the ENO has wisely decided to offer some post-performance encouragement. "It's the first time that the Coliseum has kept the bars open after a performance," says a spokesman. Special attention is being paid to the catering needs of the audience, according to the ENO, with bar-staff instructed to go easy on the ice. We can't have too many tiny frozen hands.

● *The fact that nearly one-third of the general public have not heard of the Citizen's Charter is not surprising, if yesterday's goings-on at the Cabinet Office are anything to go by. "William Waldegrave? Never heard of him," declared the doorman to journalists invited to the launch of the charter awareness survey. "You say he's a secretary of state? Not here he's not."*

Fiction friction

OUR novelists have a new goal to which they can aspire. *The Literary Review* is inviting entries for the Booby Prize, designed to discourage writers from spoiling novels with half-hearted or unsuccessful descriptions of sexual congress.

This is in no manner an attack on the erotic thriller, explains Auberon Waugh, the magazine's editor. "But when you get a sensitive novel about someone who can't find their inner self, the author often feels obliged to launch into an unnecessary sex scene," he says.

The public is invited to submit a passage from any novel published since September 1990 which "seems outstanding for its gratuitous coarseness, its perfunctoriness, its absurdity or general awfulness".

Whoever sends the first passage chosen will receive a cheque for £200. The author of the winning entry has the dubious pleasure of accepting a semi-abstract sculpture — the subject of which can be half-heartedly guessed at.

● *There was enormous excitement last week in the Italian village of Radicondoli, near Siena, when the villagers learnt that their resident celebrity, avant-garde composer Luciano Berio, was planning to enter his favourite pet for the village dog show. They should have known better. Berio entered a small brown goat decked out in the village colours. Very avant-garde.*



No craven apologies

Even on holiday, controversy stalks Neil Kinnock. Today Jimmy Hill, the BBC's football pundit and chairman of Fulham Football Club, suggests the the former Labour leader was partly to blame for last Saturday's riot at Craven Cottage between Fulham and Cardiff fans. Speaking on the Fulham Clubline, Hill says: "Everyone in the ground ... including Neil Kinnock, should bear some responsibility".

Kinnock, on holiday in Wales, is stung. "Mr Hill's reference to me is particularly ill-judged and unworthy of someone of his experience. I hope he will withdraw it without delay. I share his outrage at football violence."

Hill, however, is standing his ground. He says: "The direct guilt obviously lies with the troublemakers. But the indirect guilt lies with everyone, including Mr Kinnock." Hill, fuming supporters were to blame, says: "It was more than just six or

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OPEN MARRIAGE

Today's Franco-German talks need a new agenda

Two shocks were delivered to the Franco-German axis by the all but formal collapse of the European exchange rate mechanism earlier this month. While the impact on the exchange markets was the more immediately dramatic, that on the political relationship was the more important. For France, Germany's decision to put its domestic monetary policy ahead of what French politicians have for years called "the construction of Europe" was an almost incomprehensible blow. For Germany, it seems to have marked the beginning of an end to the careful deference to French sensibilities.

The Franco-German juggernaut has rusted along with other relics of the Cold War: Maastricht, its prime construct, is the child of that other age. Britain, and the entire continent, would benefit from a more equal relationship, open to the shifting coalitions of real national interests. But for France, used to setting the pace in all matters of importance, that will require a heroic effort of imagination. This week's series of Franco-German meetings, which culminates today in Helmut Kohl's working lunch in Bonn with the French prime minister, Edouard Balladur, could set the process in train. If it ends with the usual banalities about the solidity of the "Franco-German marriage", it must be accounted an opportunity lost.

In France especially, the recognition seems to be growing that there are limits to pretence. The meetings have been preceded by franker public assessments of what divides the two countries than at any time since de Gaulle and Adenauer published the banns of the Franco-German marriage. An editorial in *Le Monde* on "Franco-German deterioration" speaks of 14 years of work on European union swept way overnight and describes *l'axe franco-allemand* as "shaken to the point of raising doubts about the future of European construction itself".

The influential director of *Der Spiegel* says more bluntly that Germany pays for European union and neither can nor will underwrite European subsidies for ever. Germany, in other words, will now pursue its own vision of Europe — an ambitious version of which was this week set out by Herr Kohl's Christian Democratic Union — with as much determination as France.

Ministers have been little more reticent. The urbane M Balladur publicly criticised the Bundesbank for undermining the *franc fort*. Herr Kohl created uproar in France by saying calmly, days after the ERM showdown, that it would not matter if monetary union were deferred for a couple of years. He was outdone by his finance minister, Theo Waigel: unless the future European central bank is placed in Frankfurt, he insists, it will not take place at all. Such "brutal declarations", as *Le Figaro* terms them, are a complete novelty.

Habits die hard, however, and with French farmers threatening to blockade Paris *en masse* next month, the French government has made little secret of its belief that Germany "owes" it amends for its monetary humiliation. France wants German support in reopening last November's Blair House agreement with America on agriculture — a move which could doom the Gatt Uruguay Round. But the German agricultural minister, who would normally have been a relatively sympathetic recipient of such a message, has publicly castigated France's "*mercantilist and protectionist*" trade policies, adding that "solidarity is a two-way street". Sightseeing in Dresden and boating on the Elbe on Tuesday left the two foreign ministers better friends, but as far apart as ever on agriculture and trade.

Herr Kohl, a fervent francophile, will be tempted to give way. For the sake of recovery in both eastern and western Europe, solidly in Germany's own national interest, he should not do so. Such a concession would blight a fragile flower, the new realism that is dawning in France about German power and the need to formulate French policy more pragmatically. The disciplines of the Franco-German "marriage" have become too rigid for the wider needs of Europe. A certain amicable distancing, now in prospect, would be healthy.

TURNING THE SCREWS

Judge Tumim's advice on prisons should be heeded

The new report on the Wolds prison by Judge Stephen Tumim, the chief inspector of prisons, is a typically balanced blend of general and specific observations. The privately run remand centre is praised for its facilities and the professionalism of its staff. But its governor should heed Judge Tumim's warning that the level of drug abuse is "unacceptably high" and that the contract between the security firm Group 4 and the Home Office is flawed.

Equally, the chief inspector makes points relevant to the prison service as a whole which should concern its head, Derek Lewis, and Michael Howard, the home secretary. Since inmates awaiting trial cannot be made to work, it is not unduly surprising that the regime at a remand centre such as the Wolds should be lax. It need not, however, be one of "corrupting lethargy". Judge Tumim's description will add to the general anxiety that prison regimes are becoming too comfortable, a fear reflected in a Home Office memorandum leaked at the weekend.

After the debacle of the 1991 Criminal Justice Act, the government is under pressure to deliver an unambiguous message on crime this autumn and to resume its traditional championship of law and order. Fierce words can be expected at the Tory party conference. It is at such fraught moments that the wisdom of dispassionate observers such as Judge Tumim needs to be least forgotten.

Though prison inspections have often prompted little more than cosmetic change, there are signs that his advice is being taken more seriously in the Home Office. Some prisons, such as Dartmoor, which have been heavily criticised by the chief inspector have made only partial amends. But others have achieved considerable progress at his prompting: this month, Judge Tumim reported a "remarkable transformation" at Brixton prison. The devolution of greater power to prison governors is a recognition of his point that change is dependent upon excellent local management.

But there are other lessons still to be learnt from his reports over the last six years. His approach has been governed not by sentimentality or vindictiveness, but a practical belief that prisons must be true to their statement of purpose to help inmates "lead law-abiding and useful lives in custody and after release". This does not mean that prisoners are entitled to an easy, luxurious life but quite the opposite: that it is in society's interests to provide them with rigorous, challenging work which will encourage self-respect and self-reliance. The Woolf report was right to demand that prisoners should spend time out of their cells. But such time must be spent constructively.

Mr Howard's calls for more work and training in prisons should therefore be welcomed rather than feared. Building workshops is expensive; but collaborating with businesses to involve prisoners in productive activities need not be. Such schemes should be actively encouraged in the contracting out of prison services. Private firms which offer them as part of their bids to run jails should be favoured. Prisons which are more than human warehouses are ultimately more useful to the communities who pay for them. The essence of imprisonment must always be punitive, the withdrawal of liberty by humane containment. But, as Judge Tumim has argued, it is right to expect more.

MODERN MYTH FROM THE SEA

Sunken treasure with Nazis makes an epic tale of the times

The U-boat U 534, which has been resurrected from the mud of the Kattegat at the mouth of the Baltic, replays the archetypes of myths that have gripped the public from the beginning of discourse. From the old days when the bard told the tale to the tribe gathered around the camp fire, to the new days of unsociable electronic sound bites, there has always been a huge market for stories of defeated enemies and lost treasure.

There are only ten basic plots — and the finding of lost gold is one of the oldest. It goes back to the legends of the Golden Fleece and the Golden Bough, or, to move on to a later Scandinavian and Teutonic version, the Nibelunglied. And something sinister rising out of the sea from the forgotten past is another story that goes back to old roots, to the deluge stories, and perhaps, pushing folklore a little, to memories of the ultimate watery origin of man. The slippery villains who can never be caught, the secret record of some terrible crime, guilt, escape and the unanswered questions after war are all stock themes ever since Aeschylus and Scheherazade, and the other makers of myth in all cultures from Japan to Geronimo.

There is something odd as well as typical about this U-boat from the past. By May 5, 1945, Hitler had killed himself in his bunker. His successor, Admiral Doenitz, ordered that all U-boats still in German waters should be scuttled — 223 dutifully went to the bottom of the sea. But U 534 was spared, and left Kiel for Norway, still occupied by Germany. When attacked by Liberators of Coastal Command, it fought it out on the surface, and was sunk by depth charges. Three of the crew died, the others were picked up by a rescue ship. The captain, Herbert Nollau, was among the survivors. He committed suicide in 1956 without sharing the secret of his final mission.

It may be that the gulfs have washed down nothing more than a U-boat that would not accept that the war was over: no classified documents, no gold, no Impressionists, no notorious Nazis escaping towards a safe haven in Paraguay. All that has come up so far are 100 bottles of 1936 German wine, kept under a hatch for the commander, and a gross of condoms. Only an old seadog smoker's pipe, and a pair of binoculars fit the cinematic stereotype of somebody like Donald Pleasence, puffing, looking sinister but honourable, staring through binoculars at the horizon.

The British are obsessed with the war and Nazis. If only the salvage team could discover some Churchill and royal memorabilia on board the U 534, it would complete the perfect story. But the rediscovery of the past, so near and yet so long ago, stirs old roots and lost time in a satisfactory mode.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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New roles for prisons and prisoners

From Sir Sigmund Sternberg

Sir, Lord Woolf's report of two years ago, on prison reform in the wake of the Strangeways riot, has inevitably sparked off various proposals relating to the condition of the 45,000 prisoners in British jails.

The latest suggestions (report, later editions, August 23) relate to the involvement of prisoners in useful work, enabling them to be paid proper wages from which insurance, income tax and board would be deducted.

Inevitably there are criticisms of a scheme which is revolutionary in its scale and concept, although similar schemes have been introduced in the past on a much smaller scale.

They exist extensively in prisons abroad.

The key to success is the involvement of private industry, the introduction of industrial methods, modern machinery, etc. The firms involved must be assured of continuity, and an undertaking given that they would not be subjected to unfair competition from abroad.

There could be no question of cheap labour, and to ensure this the trade unions would need to be involved and various safeguards introduced. The prisoners would learn a trade and stand a better chance of employment after their release.

My experience with prison industry goes back to the time when Lord Robens was chairman of the National Coal Board (1961-71). My company obtained a contract to recycle cables at various prisons. We bought in machinery and at some of them set up smelting furnaces.

It seems to me that the latest proposals have merit, provided the home secretary avoids politics and approaches the matter with resolution and compassion.

Yours sincerely,
S. STERNBERG,
Star House,
Grafton Road, NW5.
August 23.

From Dr John F. Bithell

Sir, Suggestions that the prison system be made more punitive reflect the widespread view that its punishment element is inadequate and fails to act as an effective deterrent. It is also clear that prison sentences largely fail in their other principal objective, of rehabilitating offenders.

A major reason for this double failure is surely that the functions are not distinguished. Each should entail, but does not receive, a different mode of treatment of prisoners, to whom it is never clear at any given time whether society is punishing or attempting to rehabilitate them.

We need to introduce two kinds of prison, one to serve as a penal institution, the other for rehabilitation. The former would, within the constraints imposed by humane treatment, be designed to represent an experience that would be perceived by both prisoner and public alike as a punishment. The latter would provide the maximum opportunity for developing employment potential and positive attitudes to social conformity.

A court could specify minimum and maximum periods in each. A prisoner would be allowed to move to a rehabilitation prison after the minimum time in a penal one, provided his or her behaviour indicated a willingness to co-operate in a rehabilitation programme. Security would be easier to provide in each: in the penal institution prisoners would be more closely confined, whereas in the rehabilitation prison there would be the sanction of return to a penal institution to encourage co-operation and good behaviour.

There is no obvious alternative to prison for serious offenders and it does present opportunities to punish and to reform. It is a major indictment of our society that, by muddling these objectives, it achieves neither.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN F. BITHELL,
St Peter's College, Oxford.

Changes in Labour party thinking

From Mr Nick Raynsford, MP for Greenwich (Labour)

Sir, Like an old Stalinist retouching photographs to remove unwelcome evidence, David Selbourne ("Labour lacks the vision we need", *The Times* Essay, August 16) refuses to recognise the evidence of the changes taking place within the British Labour party.

He claims, for instance, that the "one member, one vote" principle, to which John Smith is rightly committed, will not change the nature of the relationship between the party and the trade unions. If that were so, why would those opposed to change be so resistant to this principle?

New thinking on a range of economic and social issues is coming from Labour's front bench, from "think tanks" such as the Institute of Public Policy Research or the New Agenda Forum. Already the Commission for Social Justice is laying the foundations for Labour's renewed electoral appeal in the 1990s.

Contrary to Mr Selbourne's assertion, the Labour party is not "at sea" with the concepts of liberty and choice. It is the left which has traditionally championed individual liberty in Britain and has sought to extend real choice to the entire population, while the right has generally sought to safeguard the existing advantage of a privileged minority.

It is true that Labour's commitment to extending liberty and real choice has, at some times in the past, been obscured by other objectives more closely associated with the command economies of Eastern Europe. That is precisely why the current restatement of Labour's commitment to creating a society in which individual liberty is enhanced and opportunities are made more widely available is so important.

Mr Selbourne probably finds reassurance in some curiously neo-Marxist view of the inevitability of Labour's decline. For those of us engaged in the realities of politics there is no such inevitability. Labour's future is not predetermined; the party's destiny lies in its own hands.

I can assure Mr Selbourne that the party is full of people working actively to ensure that it presents a new and coherent vision which will appeal to the British electorate.

Yours sincerely,
NICK RAYNSFORD,
House of Commons.
August 16.

Value of home leave

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir, Home leave entitlements for prisoners have been markedly more cautious in Britain than the rest of Europe. But there is no doubting the genuine public concern which has arisen from recent incidents on the mainland and controversy over home leave in Northern Ireland (report, August 25).

As an independent member of the Home Office's working party reviewing home leave, and without prejudging the outcome of the review, I think it is generally held that the present eligibility system needs to be simplified, and the procedures laid down adhered to properly. The relationship between home leave and other forms of day release should be clarified.

Of course, only a very small minority of prisoners abuse home leave. Prisons like Leyhill and Latchmere House, which allow several thousand home leaves each year, experience very few serious problems.

But there is little point denying that home leave does involve some risk. Public safety must be uppermost in the minds of those making the decisions whether or not to grant leave, but the risk can never be absent entirely.

It is important therefore to emphasise that a core purpose is to reduce the negative effects of custody and thus make it more likely that the prisoner can lead a crime-free life after release. Clearly, there are benefits to the prisoner, but there is a wider advantage to society. The strongest case for home leave is that it reduces the longer-term risk to the public.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN SHAW,
Director, Prison Reform Trust,
59 Caledonian Road, N1.
August 25.

Unions and the law

From Mr Simon Walton

Sir, As a solicitor with many years' experience of acting for trades unions and their members I find it surprising, in an article concerned with workers' rights ("Workers' rights line-up with Europe", Law, August 17), that no reference is made to the important role trades unions play in the representation of employees.

Trade union membership means that an employee has protection against arbitrary treatment by the employer and, should the worst happen, advice, assistance and representation by skilled full-time officials or by lawyers retained by the union.

The power of a minister to confer jurisdiction on industrial tribunals in respect of contracts of employment, etc, has been around for a long time but has never been implemented. The Trade Union Reform and Employment Rights Act 1993 extends the minister's power in this respect, but we do not know when and if that jurisdiction will be exercised.

Full-time trade union officials are skilled and experienced in industrial tribunal representation. The extension of tribunal powers to more employment-related issues will serve to give greater access to justice.

At a time when the right to legal aid is being removed from so many people, membership of a trade union should be seen as a way of obtaining access to the legal system without regard to means.

Yours sincerely,
SIMON WALTON,
Robin Thompson & Partners,
Congress House,
Great Russell Street, WC1.
August 17.

Rape as a war crime

From Miss Barbara Hewson

Sir, I object to the Japanese euphemism "comfort" women (Professor Leslie Green's letter, August 17), which is as ugly as "ethnic cleansing". As I pointed out in an article last year ("Rape is a war crime too", September 8, 1992), these Korean women were imprisoned by the Japanese military and subjected to months of organised beatings and gang rapes.

Women who resisted were killed. Yet Kiichi Miyazawa, Japanese prime minister until last month, spoke of women being "recruited" and of "the management of these facilities". The Japanese have still not officially recognised that their military were engaged in a policy of systematic mass rape.

Article 27 of the fourth Geneva Convention also resorts to circumlocution, defining the sexual abuse of women in war as attacks "on their honour". Detention in rape camps is called "enforced prostitution" (a contradiction in terms, if ever there was one).

Survivors of such camps in Bosnia have reported horrific abuses; gang rapes were even recorded as pornographic films by their captors.

Many women now want the fourth Geneva Convention amended, to recognise the reality of rapes in wartime as acts of violence and torture.

Yours faithfully,
BARBARA HEWSON,
4 Raymond Buildings,
Gray's Inn, WC1.

War in the Sudan

From Mr Robert Banks, MP for Harrogate (Conservative)

Sir, I have just returned from remote areas deep in the southern regions of the Sudan. The long war between Islamic fundamentalist government forces and the southern SPLA (the Sudanese Peoples Liberation Army) supporters under Dr J. Garang has dragged on since 1983. Some two million people have been killed or have died as a result of famine and more than four million people displaced to other areas or as refugees in neighbouring countries.

Conflicts of personalities and political aims led to the formation of the breakaway SPLA United faction led by Dr Riak Machar. This fragmentation has resulted in bitter fighting and invective between the warring factions.

Dr Garang's policy is for a southern state federated to the north, with the provision of a future referendum in the south to determine secession or a dual state federation. Dr Machar opts for southern independence. Both policies are containable for debate within a party structure with the common aim of democratic elections.

The faction leaders in their squabbles for power overlook the vital need to demonstrate democracy, at least within their organisations, let alone respect for human rights, which are grossly ignored, and concern for civilians lost by the death and destruction which they themselves have brought amongst their own kind.

If they care for the struggle of southerners for religious freedom, Christian law, peace and self-provision, the two leaders must agree to the making of an electoral college drawn from both sides to elect a leader for a re-united SPLA party credible in international circles and able to obtain support for a negotiated constitutional agreement in whatever form with the government in Khartoum.

Otherwise, all those varied tribal cultures and the potential wealth of that magnificent country will be expunged by futile war and conflict.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BANKS,
House of Commons.
August 19.

Education and ability

From Mr J. H. K. Lockhart

Sir, Children and young people of above-average ability are the victims of the anti-intellectual egalitarianism that has invaded schools at all levels in recent years.

The destruction of the grammar schools in particular struck a deadly blow at the educational prospects of such children at secondary level and deprived them of contact with really educated minds throughout their schooldays.

The non-selective school with its cult of mixed-ability teaching holds little attraction for well qualified graduate teachers of the kind once prepared to dedicate themselves to the education of the able.

The current hostility to testing is a typical manifestation of this anti-intellectual bias.

Ironically, the chief victims of this attitude are talented pupils from homes where adults have been exposed to little education experience.

Yours truly,
JOHN LOCKHART,
21B King's Avenue,
Ealing, W5.
August 24.

A name recalled

From Mr Ralph Barrett

Sir, Andrew Pierce, writing on London's blue plaques ("Remember Wotsisname? He once lived here", Homes, August 11) discusses the criteria for these awards — professional eminence, contribution to human welfare, name-recognition by the well-informed. He mentions the name of David Edward Hughes, FRS (1831-1900), whose plaque in Great Portland Street, W1, I had the privilege of unveiling in 1991.

Hughes is a good example of each of those attributes. He invented the microphone and coined the word — "It does for sound what the microscope does for vision," he said — the principle of which, used in the telephone, is indeed a contribution to humanity. The well-informed will readily recognise Hughes's name. His printing telegraph was used throughout Europe; he invented the metal detector used to look for the bullet in President Garfield's body; and in 1879 he discovered radio waves.

Yours sincerely,
RALPH BARRETT,
82 Lilliput Avenue,
Northolt, Middlesex.

Ambridge Who's Who

From Mr R. A. Jones

Sir, Having listened to *The Archers* since the very first programme in 1951, I was interested to read of the BBC publication *Who's Who in Ambridge* (report, August 24). I was even more interested to see, in the family tree that you reproduced, that Peggy (whose marriage to Jack Woolley appears not to have happened) was born on the same day as her elder daughter, some 21 years after her first granddaughter.

If, as you report, the series editor thinks that this guide "should help make things clearer", I should like to know her definition of obfuscation.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
DICK JONES,
80 William Smith Close, Cambridge.

From Baroness von Twickel

Sir, Despite many years of devoted listening to *The Archers*, a devotion which causes me to disconnect my telephone from 7pm to 7.20pm on Archer days, the sheer noise of programmes lately has nearly driven me to apostasy.

It started with the evening almost entirely devoted to the uninhibited screams and shrieks of Ruth's delivery followed by an entire week of screams from the resulting child.

More recently we have been afflicted by Susan's noisy hysteria over her jailbird brother, and all this culminated last night with the sound effects of a battlefield.

Do sheep no longer bleat nor cattle low in Ambridge?

Yours faithfully,
ANN TWICKEL,
Spiney House, Coughton,
Alcester, Warwickshire.
August 24.

Jessie in Hollywood

From Mr Michael Thornton

Sir, In his otherwise admirable assessment of Stewart Granger's film career (August 18) David Robinson is seriously mistaken in citing Jessie Matthews among "examples of major British stars whose attempts at Hollywood careers failed miserably".

There was intense interest in Jessie in the 1930s, at the peak of her career as Britain's top box-office film star, on the part of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, 20th Century-Fox and other leading Hollywood studios. After the success in the United States of *Evergreen* in 1934, she was offered £62,500 for a single film in America — a gigantic fee for a British star at that time — but Gaumont-British, to which she was under exclusive contract, refused to loan her out.

Jessie finally went to Hollywood in September 1941, to film a role at RKO studios in *Forever and a Day*, made in aid of the British and American Red Cross. She received the best notices of all its 78 stars and was immediately offered the female lead in Fred Astaire's next picture; but she was prevented from accepting it as she had already signed a contract to appear in a Broadway musical.

Her Hollywood career was a casualty of her immense popularity in Britain.

Yours faithfully,
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27 Arlington Road, NW1.
August 18.

From Mr R. Savage

Sir, David Robinson says that Britain has given Hollywood only four undisputed superstars: Chaplin, Taylor, Burton and Connery. I would have included Cary Grant.

Yours faithfully,
R. SAVAGE,
49 Barlews Reach,
Chelmer Village, Essex.
August 20.

Soccer's ugly duckling

From Mr Roger Grace

Sir, Premiership [the English league's new title]: is there any uglier word in the language? I cannot believe it will ever become beautiful.

Yours sincerely,
ROGER GRACE,
Springfield Lodge,
Oaken, Wolverhampton.
August 21.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
August 25: The Princess Royal this morning visited Dunblane Cathedral and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Stirling and Falkirk (Lieutenant Colonel James Stirling of Garden).

Her Royal Highness, Visitor, Strathcarron Hospice, afterwards opened the new ward block at Randolph Hill, Denny, Stirlingshire.

The Princess Royal this afternoon opened the new building of the Perth Royal Infirmary Development, Jeanfield Road, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Perth and Kinross (Major Sir David Butter).

Her Royal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later visited the Save the Children Shop, 12 Kinnoull Street, Perth.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
August 25: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning received the Secretary of the Duchy of Cornwall (Mr John James).

Birthdays today

The Duke of Gloucester celebrates his birthday today.

Mr H.W. "Bunny" Austin, tennis player, 87; Dr Raphael Balcon, cardiologist, 57; Sir Kenneth Barnes, civil servant, 71; the Right Rev Alan Chesters, Bishop of Blackburn, 56; Mrs Joan Clanchy, headmistress, North London Collegiate School, 54; Major-General N.L. Foster, 84; Viscount Gough, 52; Mr S.T. Graham, former chairman, International Commodities Clearing House, 72; Sir Ian McGregor, expert on tropical medicine, 71; Mr Malcolm Pyrah, show jumper, 52; Miss Alison Steadman, actress, 47; General Sir Harry Tuzo, 76; Professor J.E. Varey, former principal, Westfield College, 71; the Right Rev Maurice Wood, former Bishop of Norwich, 77.

University news

Bristol
Mr J.H.M. Parry, Secretary of the university, has been appointed to the new post of Registrar. Mr Parry, who read Modern History at Merton College, Oxford, joined Bristol university in 1966 as an Administrative Assistant after five years in industry. He became Assistant Registrar in 1972 and was appointed Secretary in 1988.

The university council had decided to revise the administrative structure and under the new arrangements the Registrar will be responsible for all academic and personnel administration, as well as the legal and other matters which were formerly the responsibility of the Secretary's office. The Bursar will be responsible for all university estate matters, and the Finance Director for budgets and other financial matters.

Archaeology

Henry V's great ship is identified at last

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

THE remains of the largest warship ever built in medieval England have been firmly identified by radiocarbon dating, after lying in the mud of a Hampshire river for nearly 660 years. The *Grace Dieu*, built for Henry V in 1416-20, incorporated many maritime innovations, including a mizzen mast with a lateen sail for auxiliary manoeuvring of her 130ft bulk, but had a short and inglorious career that ended on her first voyage.

The wreck, long misidentified as "an old Danish war galley", lies in the Hamble River near Southampton, just upstream from the present crossing of the M27. Victorian engravings show its timbers projecting from the mud at low tide, being inspected by visitors in rowing boats. The *Mariner's Mirror* finally identified it as the *Grace Dieu* in 1934, but this was not confirmed by tree-ring dating until after the second world war. Radiocarbon analysis has now confirmed that the ship is indeed of the right age to be Henry V's great carrack.

The *Grace Dieu* was one of four great ships commissioned by Henry V, together with the *Trinite Royal*, *Holigost* and *Jesus*. Built by William Saper on the Hamble, she cost over £3,800 at 1416 prices and employed some fifty shipwrights. With a capacity of 1,400 tuns burden (the tun being a cask of 252 gallons), the *Grace Dieu* was larger than her companion ships, and was accompanied by a retinue of smaller vessels constructed at the same time, including the balinger *Falcon* of some 80 tuns and the barge *Valentine* of 100 tuns.

She had three masts, the tallest estimated to have been nearly 200ft high, carried 24 anchors, and was clinker-built with a triple thickness of oak planks — truly a Plantagenet Dreadnought. Analysis of the wreck shows that the timbers were edge-fastened with clench nails and caulked with sphagnum moss, techniques which are typical of the late medieval period.

The *Grace Dieu* was ready for sea in 1420, but her first and only voyage was a fiasco, marred by mutiny. She lay moored at Hamble until 1434, and was then towed upriver to Bursledon, where she was struck by lightning in January 1439 and burnt out. By 1859 the wreck was reputed to be "one of four Danish ships burned here by the Saxons in 877": it has taken over half a century of study by maritime archaeologists to restore Henry V's greatest battleship to its proper place in history.

Source: *International Journal of Nautical Archaeology* 22:1-51

NEIL MUNNS/PA



Candice Carpenter, aged four, from Harlow, Essex, became the 36th Miss Pears yesterday at the Savoy Hotel, London. She was chosen from more than 23,000 applicants. Her mother Hayley Hall, 25, said: "I am so amazed. My mother entered her but, when she told me, I said there were lots of little girls like her."

TIM OCKENDEN



With full military honours four RAF men are laid to rest in the Allied Cemetery at Archangel, at a service conducted by the Rev Group Captain Brian McAvoy

RAF flyers buried in Russia 50 years after they crashed on Murmansk trip

A RUSSIAN general saluted four RAF flyers who were buried yesterday more than 50 years after their bomber crashed while helping the Red Army fight off the German airforce.

His salute marked the end of years of uncertainty about the fate of the crew of Hampden bomber, AT138, which disappeared while flying from the Shetlands to Murmansk. The pilot survived and was told that his four dead comrades were given a military funeral but, in fact, the bodies had been left in the wreckage of the burnt-out aircraft.

Major General Juriy Solovyov, deputy commander of the northern army region of Archangel, led high-ranking mourners in tribute to the airmen. The dead men's families had been flown to Russia for the service by the RAF, which provided a burial party from the Queen's Colour Squadron, RAF Regiment. Their 2,000 mile journey brought them to one of the most secret areas of the former Soviet Union, virtually closed to the West during the Cold War. The area is now open and last year a Russian aircraft spotter found the wreckage of a Hampden, close to the village of Alekurtti, near Lake Vikurij.

The remains of four men were discovered, one of them wearing a nine-carat gold signet ring with the initials LM. This was traced to airman Leslie Mallinson, a 20-year-old armourer who had volunteered to fly with 144 Squadron to Murmansk to help service the aircraft.

Yesterday that ring was back in Russia, held by his sister as she watched his simple coffin being lowered into the grave. On her black jacket, Mrs Jean Jackson, 65, wore the medals her brother never lived to display for himself.

His ring helped the RAF to trace the three other men's relatives, after months of patient sifting through records. The search found Margaret Neesham, Jean Struthers and Honor Mason in Eastbourne, East Sussex. Their brother, Pilot Officer John Smith, navigated the bomber.

The RAF already knew that the family of Sergeant Stanley Otter, the air gunner/wireless operator, were trying to find his whereabouts. His brother Alan, 75, and granddaughters Carolyn, 20, and Sally, 17, also made the trip. From Flight Sergeant John Kirkby's relatives came his brother John, 72; his wife Clara, 77; niece Carol Ivory and her 14-year-old son Jonathan.

The Rev Group Captain Brian McAvoy, from the RAF church, St Clement Dane's, in Aldwych, London, said: "The souls of our brothers can rest all the more easily because we stand here in a new atmosphere of trust and interdependence."

Union puts up its 320-acre stately home for a knockdown £3m

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A STATELY home owned by one of the country's biggest trade unions to provide a "life of luxury at a realistic price" for the workers went up for sale yesterday for around £3 million.

The 320-acre East Sussex estate of Buxted Park has proved a millstone round the neck of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union, which bought the 43 bedroom mansion with its outdoor swimming pool, trout fishing and croquet lawn in 1987 for £6 million.

Since then, accounts published in June this year show that the union recorded an overall £2.27 million operating surplus last year, but lost £590,000 running the country house.

The house was bought by the union under the leadership of Eric Hammond, and later dubbed by other union officials as "Hammond's folly". After extensive improvement and refurbishment, Buxted was opened as a country house hotel in 1989 with restaurants for 90 diners, a ballroom and a 53 seat private cinema. The basement was converted into a health and leisure club with saunas, steam rooms, and gymnasium. Upstairs the rooms are decorated with fine fireplaces and crystal chandeliers.

Although the house was marketed as a restaurant, conference and leisure centre, it was unable to pay its way. Members were offered free accommodation as a reward for exemplary service to the union and the standard rate for a single room was £55 per night and £78 for a double.

The house was built in about 1725 and is listed Grade II. In 1814, the house was owned by Lord Liverpool who later became prime minister. Queen Victoria and other members of the royal family were regular visitors; when not guests they were sent gifts of venison from the deer herd.

Between 1930 and 1961, the house was owned by the architect, Basil Ionides, who designed the Savoy Theatre and Hotel. In the 1960s, the house was extended and became a health hydro catering for film stars; between 1971 and 1987, it was the British home of the ruler of Abu Dhabi.

There are three gate lodges included in the sale, two of which are available as separate lots in the sale through Savills.

Khyber Pass veteran of 97 gets his medal

A VETERAN of the Khyber Pass now aged 97 has received the medal he earned more than 70 years ago.

Bob Georgeson served with the army supply unit during the north-west frontier campaign in Afghanistan in 1919.

When he returned home to Scotland his campaign medal was unavailable, and it laid gathering dust in a Ministry of Defence drawer for decades until Mr Georgeson, of Gosport, Hampshire, asked for it earlier this year. "I had the ribbon but at the time the medal had not been minted."

Mr Georgeson said that after the Armistice in 1918 his unit found itself sent to the war on the north-west frontier. "They were waiting for us. We were in the open 2,000ft above the Khyber Pass. Luckily we had a machine gun and a good gunner so they had to keep their heads down."

After the war Mr Georgeson emigrated to America before returning to Britain. "I completely forgot about the medal while I was out there so it was a lovely surprise when I finally got it. I'm very proud. It was definitely worth the wait."

Mr Georgeson was also awarded the General Service Medal and Victory Medal for his services in the first world war I and a medal for home guard duties in the Coventry blitz during the second world war.

Factory listing angers council

A derelict factory has been declared a listed building by English Heritage, much to the anger of local councillors.

John Taylor, leader of Nottingham City Council, said the decision was absolutely idiotic. "It is blighting the appearance of the inner city."

The 112-year-old former textile mill has been empty for two years and is partly burnt out. Planning permission has recently been granted to turn it into student flats.

English Heritage said it had been listed because of its special architectural and historical interest.

A 200-year-old milestone near Doncaster, South Yorkshire, has been listed as a building of special architectural or historic interest.

Latest wills

The Rt Rev Sherard Falkner **Allison**, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, Bishop of Winchester 1961-74 and of Chelmsford 1951-61, left estate valued at £195,885 net.
He left £1,000 each to Aldeburgh Parish Church, the Church Missionary Society, Ridley Hall, Cambridge, Chelmsford Cathedral and Winchester Cathedral.

Mr Noel David Glaves **James**, of Kersbrook, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, land agent and former President of the Royal Forestry Society, and a former Bursar and Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, left estate valued at £338,758 net.

Mrs Mary **Coates**, of Blackpool, Lancashire, left estate valued at £747,306 net.
She left £102,000 and her property 74 Ingleway Avenue and effects (or £40,000 if already sold) to personal legatees, and the residue equally between Trinity Hospice, Blackpool; Victoria Hospital, Blackpool; Christie Hospital, Manchester; Age Concern England; Arthritis and Rheumatism Council; British Heart Foundation; Cancer Research Campaign; Mental Health Foundation; Arthritis Care; CORDA; Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, and the Blackpool Branches of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, Salvation Army and RNLI.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Mr Ernest Oliver **Measor**, of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight £817,447

Joan Maude **Pass**, of Ashby de la Zouch, Leicestershire £884,387

Mr Michael **Temkin**, of London N2 ..... £1,616,777

Mrs Hilda **Whitmore**, of Rowton, Cheshire £878,807

Miss Elizabeth Niven **Greig**, of Goring by Sea, West Sussex ..... £2,074,085.

Mr Nelson George **Hayball**, of Bridport, Dorset ... £591,165.

Mrs Florence Ethel **Hill**, of Nottingham ..... £1,230,206.

Mr Clifford Stanley **Holder**, of Congresbury, Avon ..... £1,248,792.

Mr Harry Wal **Langer**, of Wimborne, Dorset ..... £76,319.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr I. Fisher
and Miss F. Cathcart
The marriage will take place on September 4, 1993, at St Mary Church, Barnes, between Mr Ian Fisher, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Fisher, and Miss Fiona Cathcart, daughter of Mr Alun Cathcart and Mrs Dorothy Algar.

Lieutenant Commander P.M. Harrison, RN,
and Mrs E. Bin Drai
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant Commander 'Harrie' Harrison and Mrs Eileen Bin Drai (née Byrne).

Mr A.R. Hobbs
and Miss D.T.N. Giles
The engagement is announced between Andrew Richard, son of Mrs Elise Hobbs, of Alton, Hampshire, and the late Mr Richard Hobbs, and Damaris Tamsin Norrie, second daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs Norrie Giles, of London, SW5.

Mr J. Hope-Lang
and Miss A.J. Rudland
The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.K. Hope-Lang, of Upper Weald, Buckinghamshire, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.P. Rudland, of Dartford, Kent.

Second Lieutenant P.A. Johnson, REME,
and Miss E.M. Walker
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Mr and Mrs David Johnson, of Redcliffe, Bristol, and Emma, only daughter of Colonel and Mrs Michael Walker, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr M.J. Lordon
and Miss A.J. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Mark James, son of Mr and Mrs A.P. Lordon, of Sherborne, Dorset, and Anna Justine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Thomas, of Oxted, Surrey.

Mr N.C. Ovesen
and Miss J.E. Hardy
The engagement is announced between Nils Christian, son of Mr and Mrs C. Ovesen, of Stockholm, Sweden, and Joanna Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr G. Hardy and of Mrs S. Hardy, of Bath.

Marriage

Mr C.G. Peake
and Miss A.M. O'Rourke
The marriage took place on Wednesday, July 28, at the Holy Redeemer Church, Chelsea, of Christopher, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Peake, of Cambridge, and Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John O'Rourke, of Chelsea. The celebrant was Father Stephen Wright, OSB.

The bride was attended by Miss Teresa Prentice. Mr Toby Mountford was best man.

The honeymoon was spent in Salzburg.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Robert Walpole, 1st Earl of Orford, statesman, Houghton, Norfolk, 1676; Johann Heinrich Lambert, physicist, Mulhausen, Alsace, 1728; Joseph Michel Montgolfier, balloonist, Annonay, France, 1740; Antoine Lavoiser, chemist, Paris, 1743; Albert, Prince Consort, Schloss Rosenau, Germany, 1819; John Buchan, 1st Baron Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada 1935-40, novelist, Perth, 1875; Guillaume Apollinaire, poet, Rome, 1880; Jules Romain, writer, Chapteuil, France, 1885; Christopher Isherwood, novelist, High Lane, Cheshire, 1904.

DEATHS: Anton van Leeuwenhoek, microscopist, Delft, 1723; George Sackville Germain, Lord George Sackville, 1st Viscount Sackville, soldier and politician, Buckhurst Park, Sussex, 1785; Louis-Philippe, King of the French 1830-48, Claremont, Surrey, 1850; William James, psychologist, Chocures, New Hampshire, 1910; Lon Chaney, film actor, Los Angeles, 1930; Frank Harris, writer, Nice, 1931; Francz Werfel, writer, Hollywood, 1945; Ralph Vaughan Williams, composer, London, 1958; Paul Muni, actor, Hollywood, 1967; Sir Francis Chichester, circumnavigated the world 1966-67, Plymouth, 1972; Charles Lindbergh, first to fly solo the Atlantic non-stop 1927, Maui, 1974; Charles Boyer, actor, Phoenix, Arizona, 1978.

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BIRTHS

ANDERSON - On August 20th at the Wellington Hospital, to Nicola and Gordon, a beautiful daughter, Fabia.

BEAUMONT - On 22nd August, to Elizabeth (née Campion) and Robert, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Fleur, a sister for Charles.

BEAVAN-VAUGHAN - On August 23rd, to Zareena and John, at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, a daughter, Zara Sophia.

BURSTON - On August 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Debbi (née Baker) and Richard, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, a sister for Alexandra.

GIBBS - On 19th August, to Charlotte (née Randall) and Jack, a daughter, Miranda Rose.

HUDSON - On August 25th 1993 in Perth, Australia, to Fiona (née Luxford) and Edmund, a son, Charles Robert.

McALPINE - On August 25th, to Claire, wife of Andrew William, of Felton, Northumberland, a son.

MENADICH - On 21st August, to Rosie (née Winn) and Christopher, a daughter, Megan.

PRINGLE - On August 23rd, to Virginia and Nigel, a son, Benjamin Michael James.

YATES - On August 24th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Rosie-Anne (née Cookson) and Christian, a son, Ivo James Michael.

MARRIAGES

HOLLAND:COBB - Thomas Randall, son of Mrs Barbara Rowbotham, to Jane Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr Alistair W Cobb and Mrs Eileen M Cobb, took place at Henley-on-Thames and was followed by a Service of Blessing to Great Milton, Oxfordshire, on 7th August 1993.

DEATHS

DENIZER - On 19th August, Mr Mehmet Nazif Denizer M.B.E., L.D.S., R.C.S., after a bravely fought illness, aged 85. He will be greatly missed by his wife Mujgan, son Ahmet and members of his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Pancras Cemetery 3 pm on Thursday 26th August.

DUKE-WOOLLEY - Elizabeth (Betty) on Tuesday 24th August peacefully at Rybrook House Nursing Home, aged 86. Beloved mother of Toby and Michael de Lotbiniere. Funeral private.

GALBRAITH - On August 24th 1993, peacefully at Ayr Hospital, Alexander Henderson Galbraith, beloved husband of Marjorie and of the late Eleanor Lorimer and much loved father of Margaret and Nora and the late Bill. Funeral Service at Portland Church, Troon, on Monday August 30th 1993 at 11 am and thereafter private. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

HUMPHREYS - On 23rd August, Maurice, peacefully at home after a brave fight against motor neurone disease. Husband of Jackie, father of Carolyn and Martin, grandfather of Peter and Susannah. Dearly loved. A Thanksgiving Service September 1st at 12 noon at Winchelsea Church. Family flowers only please. Donations to St Michael's Hospice, St Leonards. TN38 0LB or M.N.D. Assoc., PO Box 246, Northampton, NN1 2PR.

LEVESON LANE - On 23rd August, Dorothy Mary, peacefully after a short illness at Loadhams Nursing Home, Farnham, aged 96. Beloved sister of the late Blanche, and much loved and missed by family and friends. Mass at St Joan of Arc Church, Farnham, 2nd September at 11am. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the British Red Cross Society.

MACKAY - On August 19th 1993, Eve, suddenly at home. Beloved mother of Fiona, Hamish, Heather, Elizabeth and Charles. Grandmother of Fiona, Felix, Anna-Teresa, Ignatius and William. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving at St James' Church, Heyshott, on Tuesday August 31st at 3pm. No flowers please.

MELTZER - Harald, OBE, (aged 74) died peacefully in Oslo on Thursday August 19th. Loved and respected by his family and many friends.

DEATHS

OAKES - On August 24th, 1993, peacefully at Kirkcudbright Hospital after a courageous fight borne with great spirit, Nan (Agnes Ferguson Stille née Dalziel) age 70 years. Beloved wife of Major (retd.) Freddie Oakes, Royal Signals, dear mother of William and James, grandmother to Michael and Christopher. Requiem Mass at St Andrew's and St Cuthbert's, Kirkcudbright at 10 am on Friday 27th August followed by interment at Sorn Kirkyard, Sorn, Ayrshire at 1 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, P.O. Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3PX.

REGAN - Martin, aged 35, in tragic swimming accident in Bali. Son of Jack Regan and Dorothy Hull. Funeral at West London Crematorium on Tuesday 31st August at 3.45 pm. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel: (071) 229-9861.

RIVETT - On August 20th at Brompton Hospital, London, Constance, dearly loved wife of Bernard, mother of Angela and Brian and grandmother of Edward and Julian. Fondly remembered and sadly missed by all her family. Funeral Service at Christ Church, Chislehurst, Kent, on Tuesday 31st August at 3 pm. Family flowers only by her request. Donations in Connie's memory to The British Heart Foundation, 102 Gloucester Place, London W1.

DEATHS

SINCLAIR-SMITH - Margaret died peacefully at Bath 23rd August 1993. A wonderful friend, companion and teacher to many - especially the Farrar family. Funeral 2.40 pm 31st August, Bath Crematorium. Donations if desired for Guide Dogs for the Blind to C. Mannings & Sons Ltd., Oxford House, North Road, Combe Down, Bath, Avon BA2 5HW.

SNOW - On 21st August 1993 at home, Michael Mackenzie Snow aged 88, husband of the late Peggy. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on Wednesday 1st September at 2.15 pm. No flowers but donations if wished to Winchester and District Macmillan Service c/o Dunning Funeral Services, 2 Church Close, Andover.

VENNING-ROBERTS - Peggy, beloved mother of Elizabeth, mother-in-law of John, grandmother of Keith, Andrew and Caroline. Peacefully on August 13th after a long illness in New Jersey, USA. Donations may be sent to Ernest Read Trust c/o Hugo Read CBE Hon. Treas., Pynot Cottage, Beeley, Matlock, Derbys. DE4 2NU.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

FLÈRE - Amy Florence (née Shiers) died on 26th August 1992 after a very happy marriage of over 52 years to Husband William. A dearly beloved wife, amiable kindly and generous very much missed by her husband and nephews Peter, Tony and Richard and families. R.I.P. "Flo".

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OBITUARIES

GEORGE CANSDALE

George Cansdale, television's "Zoo Man" during the 1950s, and superintendent of London Zoo, 1948-53, died in Great Chesterford, Essex, on August 24 aged 83. He was born in Brentwood, Essex, on November 29, 1909.



George Cansdale and Valerie Singleton on *Blue Peter*, 1969

KNOWN by millions simply as the "Zoo Man", the big, bluff and tweedy George Cansdale made an unlikely television star. He was employed as superintendent of the London Zoo when he made his first television appearance in 1948, only months after starting his new job at Regent's Park. Three years later the BBC had given him his own show, *Looking at Animals*, and Cansdale was being unofficially dubbed television's "Man of the Year".

Cansdale went on to be the Johnny Morris of his day, hosting such television series as *All about Animals*, *Pets Parade*, *Studio E*, *Sunday Specials* and *Focus*. Usually pictured with a python or a chimpanzee clinging to his neck, his benign features became known to some two million viewers over the next decade and, unusually, the programmes went down equally well with adults as with children. For the first time on television, zoology was being presented not as dry classroom stuff, but as one man's practical observation of animals gleaned from 15 years of living in Africa.

Cansdale was not easily fazed by anything the animals decided to do on camera, and frequently found his best television performers not among the elephants and hippopotami but amid what he called the "small stuff". In his first series he placed a tortoise and a jerboa (or desert rat) together in a sandpit. The jerboa, apparently offended at having to share his space with a tortoise, proceeded to bury the tortoise with sand, stopping every now and then to inspect his progress.

Viewers were delighted and Cecil McGivern, the television programmes chief, thought it one of the funniest pieces of television he had ever seen. The jerboa was asked back for a return date, but failed to repeat its first night success. Other animals were less eager to face the cameras, and television crews at Lime Grove became adept at rounding up stray performers (although when a poisonous puff adder escaped, a zoo attendant had to be called in).

Cansdale's popularity stemmed not so much from his zoological learning — which was immense — as from his obvious love of animals. Talking to the camera, he would absent-mindedly stroke whatever creature was to hand, referring to it warmly as "little fellow". Even when bitten, which he often was, he refused to blame the animal for its ill-temper. He would point cheerfully to one finger, minus the tip, and explain "Snakebite, in Africa. I found it was a mistake to meddle with a burrowing viper."

Despite his sudden popularity at the age of 40, Cansdale was not a man who actively sought the limelight. On the question of money, he used to say: "Pay me what you think I'm worth."

George Soper Cansdale was educated at a local private school in Brentwood, and St Edmund Hall, Oxford, where he read forestry. In 1934 he joined the Colonial Forest Service in the Gold Coast (now Ghana). It was here that he fell in love with the local wildlife, first squirrels and then bushbabies.

His association with zoos began as an animal supplier. Before he left Africa in 1948, he was responsible for introducing a handful of new animals to Britain including a pygmy flying squirrel, the size of a mouse (he was an expert on forest squirrels), and had captured the longest specimen of a cobra ever recorded, measuring 8ft 8½in.

During the second world war he was, as a civilian, in charge of the production of timber, firewood, charcoal and cordage needed for the British and later American troops stationed on the Gold Coast. Afterwards he resumed dispatching monthly shipments of animals to zoos and, in this way, his name became well known in zoological circles.

In 1948 Cansdale was appointed superintendent of the London Zoo in Regent's Park. There he quickly displayed an ability to enlist the help of the public and media. When Lien-Ho, the giant panda, fell sick in 1950 through vitamin B deficiency (caused by a shortage of bamboo shoots), Cansdale put out a public appeal and was duly inundated with bamboo. His reluctant decision to put down Rajah, an Indian elephant who attacked his keepers, was covered by the press in heart-rending tones.

But despite his subsequent high profile on television as the "Zoo Man", and the attendant welcome publicity for the zoo, Cansdale later became embroiled in arguments with his employers, the council of the Zoological Society, and in 1953 was sacked from his post for what were termed "reasons of economy". It was understood that several members of the council disapproved of his television appearances, and felt he should spend more of his time actually at the zoo.

The dismissal caused an outcry, not only with the public but among many of the fellows of the Zoological Society. Cansdale at first maintained a dignified silence over the row, but later spoke out against what he saw as the zoo's declining standards.

His broadcasting career was not badly affected by the sacking. Commercial zoos and private collectors continued to lend him animals to work with, and Cansdale became a regular on the schools' lecture circuit. He would take with him a private menagerie — pythons, bushbabies, flying squirrels and tortoises — which he kept in the garden at his home in Hampstead. His television career wound down by the early 1960s, but he continued to be a frequent guest on *Blue Peter* from 1962, appearing four times a year on the show for the next twenty years.

Away from the camera, Cansdale was an active evangelical Christian and churchwarden at All Souls, Langham Place. He also wrote a number of books and was a regular contributor to publications such as *The Field* and *Zoo Life*.

He married Margaret Williamson in 1940. They had two sons.

LORD KADOORIE

Lord Kadoorie, the last of Hong Kong's prewar taipans, died yesterday at the age of 94. He was the former chairman of China Light and Power, an electricity company, and Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, the group that owns the Peninsula luxury hotel chain.



LAWRENCE KADOORIE was the first Hong Kong-born man to receive a seat in the House of Lords, in 1987. His father, Sir Elly Kadoorie, came from a Jewish trading family in Baghdad. He settled in the colony in 1880, and established his own brokerage and hotel business in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

In 1918, at the age of 19, Kadoorie started working for China Light and Power, a new company that his father founded, and stayed with the firm all his life. He also looked after the prestigious Peninsula Hotel on the Kowloon waterfront, until Hong Kong fell to Japan in 1941.

The power company was dismantled, the Peninsula used as the Japanese army's headquarters, and the Kadoorie family imprisoned. Their Shanghai properties were expropriated by the communists when they seized power. After the war, Lord Kadoorie not only rebuilt his business empire, he was a community leader, serving as a legislator and a cabinet adviser in the 1950s.

Through electrifying Kowloon and the New Territories, Lord Kadoorie helped turn Hong Kong into a thriving modern economy. In 1985, China Light and Power started building southern China's first nuclear plant in Daya Bay near Hong Kong. Last year, the firm became the first foreign investor to buy natural gas from Hainan Island to fuel a new power station in Hong Kong.

Partly due to his conservative, "don't-rock-the-boat" political views, and partly due to his indisputable integrity, Lord Kadoorie had a trusting relationship with many Chinese officials. He was a personal friend of Deng Xiaoping and prime minister Li Peng.

His business achievements aside, Lord Kadoorie was respected for his deep humanity. He and his brother, Horace, did much to help the poor in the New Territories, setting up clinics and hospitals in rural areas. The Kadoorie Farm and agricultural programmes that they established continue to benefit Hong Kong farmers.

Lord Kadoorie is survived by his wife and one son and one daughter. His son, Michael, 52, is expected to take over his empire.

SIR BRUCE FRASER

Sir Bruce Fraser, KCB, a former comptroller and auditor-general, died on August 22 aged 82. He was born on November 18, 1910.



IN THE annals of the civil service Bruce Fraser will always occupy a niche as the innocent victim of a Whitehall power battle. He was unfortunate enough to be caught in the cross-fire between the ambitions of a strong-minded cabinet minister and the slightly feebler instincts of a conventionally cautious prime minister.

When the Wilson government came to office in October 1964 Sir Bruce Fraser — he had been appointed a KCB in 1961 — was one of Whitehall's rising stars. Although perched somewhat precariously as the second permanent under-secretary at the Department of Education and Science (his immediate superior was the legendary Sir Herbert Andrew) he had just completed four very successful years as the permanent secretary at the Ministry of Health.

Working closely both with Enoch Powell, who became minister three months after he arrived, and with the chief medical officer, Sir George Godber, Fraser had helped to restore the department to full vigour (his predecessor had had to retire early through ill-health).

But the mere fact that Fraser was to come to look back on his time at the health ministry as the golden period of his career as a mandarin was suggestive of the disappointments that lay ahead. The first of them was in no way his own fault. When he was moved to the Department of Education and Science it was in the optimistic mood of expansion following the Robbins report of October 1963 — Robbins had even proposed that there should be two ministries of education (one for schools and one for universities and higher education). Sir Alec Douglas-Home's Conservative government did not, however, act on that proposal and the Labour party, after flirting with it, also turned its back upon it.

So when Harold Wilson's government came in, Fraser knew that his position, even in civil service terms, was not likely to be an easy one. What, however, he cannot have foreseen was that it would lead to an immediate clash with the new minister of state responsible for higher education, Lord Bowden (as Vivian Bowden previously principal of the Manchester College of Science and Technology).

Walking one day in December 1964, with Richard Crossman in St James's Park, Bowden casually remarked that he had that morning "sacked" his permanent secretary (Fraser had assumed responsibility for universities within the single ministry). Even the iconoclastic Crossman was slightly taken aback and cautiously enquired whether Bowden had cleared the decision with No 10 or even with his minister, Michael Stewart. It turned out that he had done neither — and Fraser was reprieved for a few more months.

It was already clear, however, that his career had been blighted. Wilson himself was soon confessing that the idea of "double-banking" at the Ministry of Education was "not working" — and the objective became to find a dignified post in the Whitehall power structure into which Fraser could be slotted in.

At first, he was moved to the new Ministry of Land and Natural Resources — hardly a promotion by any standards and a sad comedown for a man who had once aspired to be permanent secretary to the Treasury. But the idea behind this curious, sideways move was that it would enable Fraser to transfer naturally to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government once the redoubtable permanent secretary there — Dame Evelyn Sharp (already past retiring age) — finally consented to retire.

Crossman, however, backed by his formidable PUS, was less than enthusiastic about the prospect. He wrote in his diary: "The more I look at the department, the more I realise — and so does the Dame — that the arrival of Bruce Fraser is going to be a crushing blow, particularly as neither of the deputies could stand up to a powerful figure."

Crossman tried to do a deal with Harold Wilson, offering to take Fraser if Wilson would agree to handing over to Housing and Local Government the newly created Ministry of Land and Natural Resources. Wilson declined to take part in this power game on the ground that he could scarcely open and close a ministry within the lifetime of a single Parliament. Instead, he left the unfortunate Fraser at Land and Natural Resources — and then scrapped the whole experiment once the 1966 election was safely won.

At 56, two years after leaving the Ministry of Health, Fraser — whom Crossman now made it clear he would not have at any price — was thus threatened with being a spare wheel with no obvious function in the Whitehall machine.

The prime minister personally came to the rescue, if not exactly with a tidy solution. He persuaded the then comptroller and auditor-general, Sir Edmund Compton, to take on the post of Britain's first ombudsman, thereby creating at least a hole for Fraser to fill.

Fraser accepted and spent five years as comptroller and auditor-general before retiring in 1971. He had long recognised that he would not get the Treasury, even against the claims of a younger man, Sir William Armstrong. But he nonetheless would have liked another department.

Years before, while at the Ministry of Health, he had once confided to a colleague that he fancied the post of auditor-general because it would give him enough spare time to write. When he got it, however, he was clearly disappointed.

Bruce Donald Fraser had dazzled intellectually from early childhood. He was born in India into a Scottish family, the son of Major-General Sir Theodore Fraser. He went to Bedford School before winning a scholarship to Trinity, Cambridge. There he edited *Granta* before taking a double-first and entering the civil service in 1933.

He began as an assistant principal in the Scottish Office, but was transferred after three years to the Treasury where he was to spend the next quarter of a century. He moved on promotion in January 1960 to become deputy secretary at the Ministry of Aviation, though hoping eventually to return to the Treasury stable. Instead, after only three months, he was transferred again to the Ministry of Health.

His private life was scarred by personal tragedy. His son and married daughter were both killed, within a few years of each other, in traffic accidents on the Continent. Fraser bore the double blow with great courage but was nonetheless deeply affected.

He and his wife, on retiring, moved to Wales where they bought a house designed by his son, an architectural student at the time of his death, which they re-christened Jonathan in his memory.

There Fraser worked on a revised edition of Sir Ernest Gowers's 1948 masterpiece *The Complete Plain Words* written to help clear jargon from Whitehall. The Fraser version was highly acclaimed when it appeared in 1973.

He also developed a close relationship with the University College of Wales at nearby Lampeter, acting in an advisory and consultative capacity. The university recognised the help he gave by awarding him an honorary D.Litt four years ago.

Tall, lean and scholarly, Bruce Fraser was said to have to struggle not to appear autocratic. To many he seemed the archetypal Treasury bureaucrat, who could look disappointed if others failed to match his own intellectual brilliance. But he was privately a warm-hearted man who once wrote sketches for concert parties at the Treasury and who took a keen interest in sport.

On the day before he died he asked for the radio to be switched on so that he could hear England fighting back in the sixth Test match. Sadly he did not hear their final victory. Bruce Fraser's wife Audrey died 11 years ago and he is survived by his son-in-law and two grand-daughters.

ROBERT MAYNARD

Robert Clyve Maynard, the first black man to own and edit a major daily newspaper in the United States, died of prostate cancer in Oakland, California, on August 17 aged 56. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, on June 17, 1937.

WHEN Robert Maynard composed his entry for *Who's Who in America* he added a footnote: "The great pleasure in life," he wrote, "is doing what people say you cannot do."

By that yardstick, life must have given him an enormous amount of pleasure. For a black boy who dropped out of school at the age of 15, Maynard's career was an exercise in the impossible. By sheer talent and boundless self-confidence, he overcame racial prejudice to become a journalist of national stature: an editor, national columnist, television panellist, Pulitzer Prize juror, and a leader in professional organisations. He was also largely responsible for the increasing numbers of minority writers in the newsrooms of American newspapers and television stations.

It was not easy. After beginning his writing career as a cub reporter on the *Age*, a black weekly newspaper in New York, Maynard applied for more than 300 jobs on white-owned papers and was turned down every time. He was 24 before the editor of a small daily paper in Pennsylvania relented and hired him.

That job led to a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard and this, in turn, to an offer from the *Washington Post*, where he became the first black national correspondent in 1967. In an eloquent five-part series on the budding black revolt in the United States he wrote: "Cities have distinctive qualities. Ghettos do not. Stand on a grimy street corner in Harlem and look, listen, smell. The mind can play tricks: is it 41st Street in Chicago, 12th Street in Detroit, Central Avenue in Watts or Fillmore in San Francisco?" In short order, Maynard was appointed associate editor of the *Post*, worked for a time as the paper's ombudsman, and by 1976 had acquired such national recognition that he was selected as one of the three questioners in the final presidential campaign debate between Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter. But by this time his prime interest was in training other black journalists to follow in his footsteps, and he left Washington in 1977 to found the Institute for Journalism Education at Berkeley.

Maynard only led the non-profit institute for two years, but he continued to work tirelessly to persuade news organisations to hire its graduates in the interest of diversity. "This country cannot be the country we all want it to be if its story is told by only one group of citizens," he said in his last public speech earlier this year. "Our goal is to give all Americans front-door access to the truth."

By 1983 the institute had become by far the single largest source of minorities entering the field of journalism. Returning to newspapers in 1979, Maynard was appointed editor of California's *Oakland Tribune* by its new owner, the Gannett chain. He was the first black person ever to direct editorial operations for a major daily newspaper, but the job proved no sinecure.

The *Oakland Tribune* was in financial trouble, and despite Maynard's widely-praised efforts to revamp its contents, circulation and advertising continued to fall. Maynard, however, remained confident of eventual success. So much so that with the help of bank loans and generous assistance from Gannett he bought out the paper in 1983 for $22 million. His own prominence grew as a result. The *Tribune* was less fortunate: Maynard was finally forced to sell it last year to the Almeda Newspaper Group.

Robert Maynard is survived by his wife, two sons, and one daughter from a previous marriage.

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THE TWO-SEATED MOTOR-CYCLE

As was shown in a recent article in The Times on the popularity of the side-car combination, an overwhelming majority of motor-cyclists insist on taking a passenger with them, and any week-end run, especially in the South of England, will further show that, of the machines which move upon their original two wheels, at least 50 per cent support a second person mounted upon the luggage carrier. In some cases, but generally according to sex, the precarious traveller grasps the rider of the machine firmly round the waist, or hangs on by his belt; in others, he assumes a nonchalant air of complete detachment, and relies for security on frictional contact alone.

So extensive has the habit of pillion-riding become that manufacturers of motor-cycles, from the ultra-luxurious "heavy" down to the cheapest light-weight, invariably make their luggage carrier strong enough to bear a load of 20st. or more——a load for which allowance would never be made did it not take the form of "live weight." In addition to this, numerous accessory producers sell special seat attachments for adaptation to "any standard motor-cycle", so that one must look upon pillion riding as the rule rather than the exception . . .

The writer has, on numerous occasions, taken a passenger on the carrier, and has once or twice, under severe compulsion himself, taken the pillion seat. On some machines he has found the balance is entirely unaffected by the extra person: on others, it is seriously affected. It need hardly be said that, in the latter circumstances, carrier-riding is out of the question. The point that is not, perhaps, sufficiently realised is that a passenger adds considerably to the total weight, and that, at any given speed, it is not so easy to pull up as on a purely solo machine. In most makes the brakes have a reasonable factor of safety, but it is open to question whether in all cases they are equal to the extra service imposed upon them by the increased load, which, when travelling, becomes converted into increased momentum. If, therefore, motor-cycle makers were to devote as much attention to rear-brake dimensions (the front type being of restricted value), as they do to strengthening carriers, they would be more logical.

It is also probable that they would not be wasting their time were they to make even more elaborate arrangements for passenger-carrying. A properly suspended seat could be fixed in front of the ordinary carrier, without extending the wheel-base to an objectionable amount. Adequate foot-rests and hand-grips could be supplied with very little addition to the weight, with the result that, while the utility and economy of the machine as a purely "solo" mount would not be seriously impaired, it would be rendered far safer and comfortable for passenger work. The volume of prejudice which is directed against pillion-riding is probably due, not so much to the prevalence of accidents, or to a close analysis of its conditions, as to the fact that the present "two-seater, two-wheeler" has distressingly make-shift appearance, and like the early aeroplanes, looks horribly dangerous . . .

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The writer's "makeshift appearance" has blossomed into today's streamlined, superbly-designed machine. The "dangerous" look is still there, but now betokening not instability, but controlled aggression.



The Thomas Cook picture which scientists say may promote the idea of walking on the sea-bed

Keep away from coral

Marine scientists are worried by a holiday campaign

A picture used in a nationwide advertising campaign could encourage the spread of a new craze for walking on the sea-bed, with potentially damaging effects on delicate coral and other organisms, marine scientists say.

The underwater picture used by Thomas Cook, the tour operator, shows a family wearing diving gear and holding hands as they step between coral reefs.

After the advertisement appeared, the Marine Conservation Society accused the company of being "irresponsible" and warned that anyone copying the family could do irreparable damage to marine life and kill acres of precious coral reefs.

The picture of six tourists gingerly stepping across the sand between coral reefs was taken 13 years ago, but was chosen from archive material and used by Thomas Cook until the beginning of this month to depict a family trying to get to the Seychelles on the cheap.

Thomas Cook described the underwater walk as a "new summertime craze", particularly popular at Nassau in the Bahamas.

Dr Liz Wood, the Marine Conservation Society's reef officer, says: "If this is indeed a new craze, I am very concerned about its consequences. Coral is easily damaged and this kind of activity is potentially disastrous. There is no way to walk on sand without disturbing it, and a cloud of sand could smother and kill the coral which has taken many years to grow.

"Touching or standing on coral can take off its top protective layer and make it vulnerable to bacterial infection. It may look and feel tough, but it is not. We advise tourists to learn proper diving and snorkelling techniques before they venture near the reef."

A spokesman for Thomas Cook said: "A small number of people may find the pastime fascinating, but it is never going to be a mass tourist attraction. It is not an activity we offer on our holidays."

The advertising agency Bainsfair Sharkey Trott says: "We bought the photograph from a picture library. It is part of a new craze but we used it because it has a family appeal."

MARIANNE CURPHEY

If paradise is no longer heaven

Tropical jewels like Bali may become badly flawed when tourists take over, David Churchill reports

When delegates to the World Tourism Organisation meet in the exotic Indonesian island of Bali in a few weeks time, high on the agenda will be the issue of how the growth in tourism is harming the very destinations tourists travel to see.

Bali, once an undiscovered gem of the East, is rapidly having to adjust to the surge in its popularity with tourists, which has left some of its beaches and resorts over-commercialised. The number of hotel rooms on the island, for example, has trebled to more than 30,000 over the past two years. Unwittingly, the Princess of Wales's high-profile holiday on Bali last week may add to these pressures.

Tony Bennett, strategic marketing director for the travel agents Thomas Cook, believes that the princess's trip to Bali will enhance it as a glamorous Indian Ocean destination.

Even before the holiday hideaway was splashed all over the papers, however, Bali was growing in popularity. Kuoni, the long-haul specialist, reports that Bali has jumped in popularity with its customers from seventh place last year to fifth this year. Thomas Cook adds that demand has grown by 45 per cent over the past year.

What makes Bali so attractive to Europeans is the fact that it mostly looks and behaves like a tropical island paradise, with white sand, blue sea and waving palms. Small and fertile, Bali has had a relatively peaceful history, enabling a distinctive culture to be developed.

However, like any attempt to find paradise on earth, Bali has its drawbacks. Its lotus-eater lifestyle has attracted what tour operators disparagingly describe as "hippies and surfers", making certain areas overly commercial. Kuta in the south is one such resort which has changed from an isolated fishing village into a surfers' haven. It still has one of the island's loveliest coasts, but crime, prostitution and drug-taking are all reputedly causing severe problems for the local authorities.

The resort still offers some of the best Indonesian cuisine at prices ranging from the very cheap (a two-course meal for about £5 for two) to the more up-market — the Poppies restaurant is one of Kuta's fashionable eating places.

Most British visitors want something a bit more exotic and less frenetic than Kuta, since the typical tourist from the UK is either on honeymoon (Bali ranks as one of the most popular destinations), retired, or a young couple. Unlike Thailand, Bali is not really a singles destination. Pickfords Travel, moreover, points out that many Britons visiting Bali are no strangers to long-haul holidays and so are relatively sophisticated about choosing it for a holiday.

The northern and eastern coasts of the island are quieter, with opportunities for scuba diving and snorkelling. The interior of the island has lush rice terraces and tiny villages where ikat — a richly-coloured woven cloth — is still produced on a hand-held frame. The more adventurous can climb the Gunung Batur volcano.

Many visitors use Bali as a stop-over point on the way to or from visiting Australia, or as a beach holiday after staying in Hong Kong, Bangkok or Singapore. Austravel, the specialist Australia operator, says it has experienced "a notable increase in demand for flights to Bali as a stop-over destination" and has included it in its round-the-world fare of £1,072 which it has negotiated with Qantas and Virgin.

Whatever the reason, Bali is becoming a more affordable destination as the number of flights have increased — both Qantas and Thai International have added thrice-weekly services this year from Bangkok to Denpasar, the main city in the south of the island.

Airline Ticket Network (0800 727 747), which offers low-priced fares on scheduled services, says that the cheapest deal to Bali is £522 return for departure from either Manchester or Gatwick with Garuda (the drawback is that the journey lasts 18 hours) or £587 for a shorter flight (about two and a half hours less) with Qantas via Bangkok.

Selling the Cuban beaches

Britain's two leading tour operators have taken opposing views of the attraction of Cuba as a package holiday destination for next summer.

Thomson, the market leader, has dropped the Caribbean island from its brochure for next year, saying that too few holiday-makers were showing an interest to make it worth its while offering packages.

At the same time, its rival Airtours has featured the country for the first time and claims that sales have been "phenomenal".

"We have tried very hard indeed to sell Cuba over the past two years but it did not work," says Steve Garley, Thomson's long-haul holiday manager. "The British are simply not ready for it as a destination yet and voted with their feet. Our prices were about the same as Airtours are now offering and although it is a fascinating island and a real travellers' destination — things can, and will, almost inevitably go wrong — it would appear that the public just doesn't know what to make of it yet."

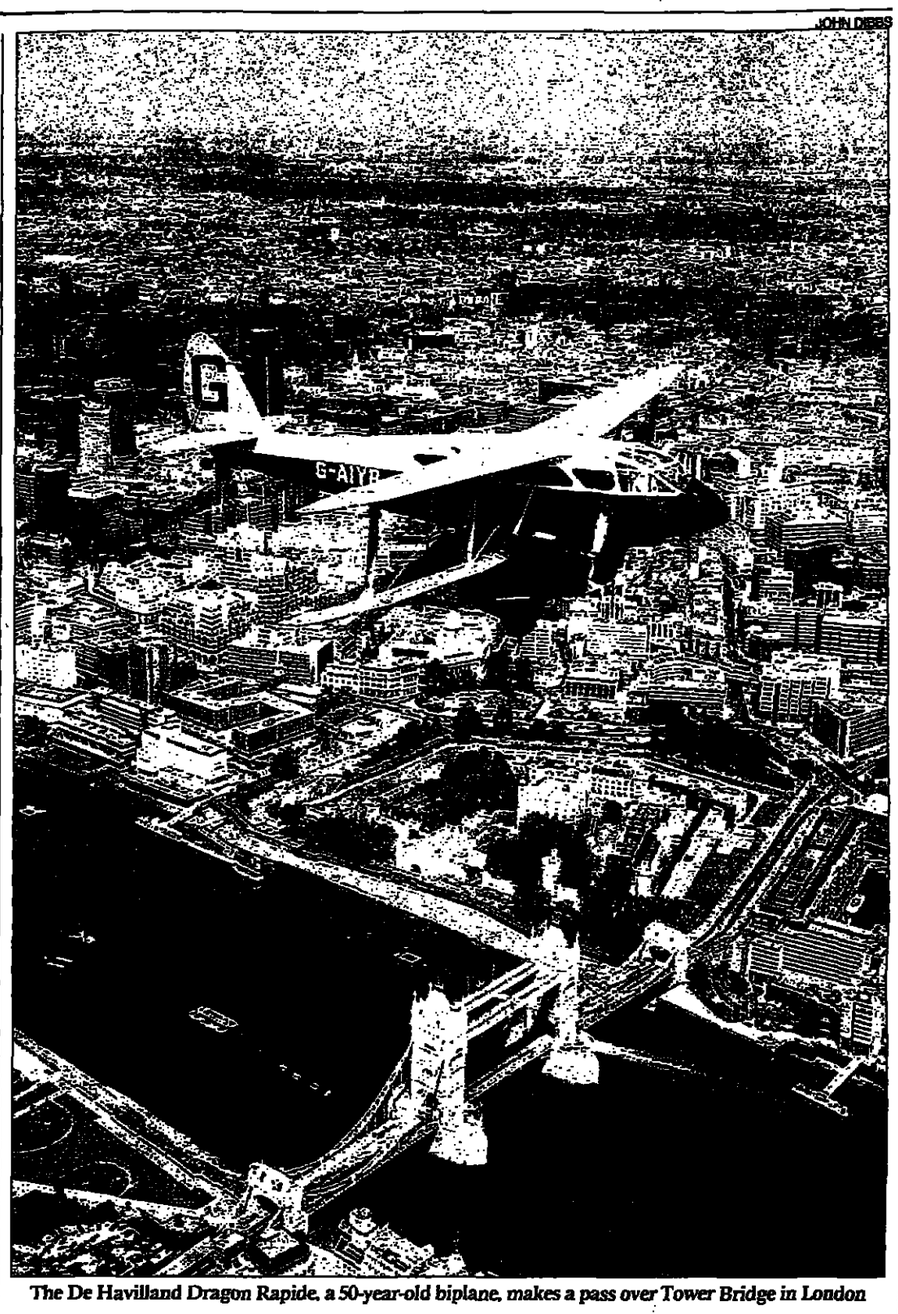
Airtours, on the other hand, claims that within the past two weeks it has sold 13 per cent of all the 7,000 Cuban holidays it has on offer for next summer — more than three times the 300 holidays Thomson managed to sell to Cuba throughout last year.

"Thomson was operating out of Stansted on a Cubana aircraft and appeared to be aiming mainly at the specialist, up-market sector," says Richard Carrick, Airtours's marketing director. "We are offering a straightforward beach holiday with optional tours to the cultural areas of the country if necessary. Our charters are on our own Boeing 767 jets from either Gatwick or Manchester to hotels in Varadero, which is in itself a highly developed area."

Judging by the way the Cuba brochure — with prices ranging from £299 to £1,449 for two weeks — has "flown" off travel agents shelves, Airtours appears to have got it right.

HARVEY ELLIOTT

JOHN DIBBS



The De Havilland Dragon Rapide, a 50-year-old biplane, makes a pass over Tower Bridge in London

Flight to the past

A FLIGHT in 50-year-old biplane is proving a big attraction for tourists and aviation buffs, *Harvey Elliott writes*. The De Havilland Dragon Rapide flies regular trips from Duxford airfield, Cambridgeshire, over East Anglia and London.

"Since we began the service in July we have had well over 100 passengers," says Angus Grahame, director of the airline Classic Wings, which flies the Rapide. "That may not seem very many in big airline terms, but it is a huge success as far as we are concerned."

The aim is to take passengers back to the "golden years" of British aviation with pilots wearing 1930s-style uniforms and the interior of the aircraft fitted out in the pre-war style. The aircraft flies at about 100mph, at a height of 1,500ft, enabling the eight passengers to get a perfect view through the large picture windows. "If it gets too hot," Mr Grahame says. "The pilot simply opens the window and lets some air in."

The Rapide being used by Classic Wings was built during the war as transport aircraft. It has now received full approval from the CAA for its weekend flights from the Imperial War Museum airfield at Duxford either on a 30-minute trip over Cambridge, Ely cathedral and Newmarket racetrack or a longer flight, lasting an hour, over London. The half-hour flight costs £49.50 and the longer trip £89.50.

TRAVELOGS

Who serves the best cuppa?

AMERICAN Airlines has won the award for the best cup of tea served on an aircraft.

Nineteen inspectors who are regular flyers were asked by the Tea Council to make a study of the tea they were served each time they boarded an aircraft.

In all, they tasted the in-flight cuppas of 43 airlines and travelled 800,000 miles on 264 flights before reaching their conclusion.

British Airlines, Air UK and British Midland came joint second with Iberia, the Spanish carrier. British Airways was not placed.

An American Airlines spokesman said: "We are delighted that our tea has been recognised in this way, particularly in the home of tea drinking."

Benidorm ahoy!

THE Spanish resort of Benidorm, so long derided as the archetypal down-market holiday spot, may have turned the tables on its critics.

Within two days of Thomson's brochure for next summer going on sale at the weekend, the town was in fourth place in a league table of favourite destinations. "We sold more than 12,000 holidays to Benidorm and it is clearly on its way back," Charles Newbold, Thomson's managing director, says.

Juan Ruiz, the town's tourism director, believes that Benidorm has some of the best facilities of any Mediterranean resort, including three Blue Flag beaches which are the cleanest in Spain.

"We have instigated sweeping changes to local laws enabling us to ban illegal street sellers, noisy mopeds and street photographers using animals. We are also clamping down on noise from discos and bars," he said.

Royal patrons

ARAB customers have come to the rescue of 1993 tourist season at the Cote d'Azur which is breaking no records as France goes into recession. In Cannes alone Arabs represent more than one fifth of all hotel guests. They have included no fewer than 12 princes, taking, on average, ten rooms for a ten-day stay. One traditional focal point is the Hotel Martinez, where 17 princesses have been observed dining together in its Palme d'Or restaurant.

Music in the sun

CHAMBER Music Holidays (0202 528328) has arranged a series of master-classes, lectures, concerts and informal musical gatherings in Corfu from September 4 to 20. Among the musicians ready to help any budding string quartet or solo musician are Alexandre Brussilovsky, the Russian violinist, the French clarinetist Michel Lethiec, the guitarist Claude Puyalte, George Sopkin, the American cellist, and many others. Prices are from £340 per person self-catering to £398 half-board in the San Stefano hotel. The price excludes air fares, but Vivienne Pittendrigh who organises the musical holidays suggests that clients can book a "seat-only" flight for about £180.

Flying record

THE number of passengers flying on domestic air services from Stansted went up by more than 27 per cent in July compared with the same month last year, helping to push the number of people using the airport in one month past the 300,000 mark for the first time. Eric Lomas, the airport's managing director, believes that Stansted will break all records this summer.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

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Crime wave on the night train

Tony Rocca on the high cost for passengers, and the railways, of a spate of muggings in the South of France

Incidents of violent crime against passengers on night trains in France are continuing, despite huge reinforcements of police and special forces, which have been drafted in to deal with the problem.

Travellers aboard the night expresses which cross the South of France are especially at risk. SNCF, the state railway, reluctantly admits that on journeys between Avignon, Marseilles and Montpellier, money, travellers' cheques, passports and credit cards are likely to vanish from tourists.

Two British brothers were among the victims in the latest incident earlier this month when their sleeper-train from Italy to Spain halted at Marseilles at 2.30am. Five men, one armed with an automatic pistol, climbed aboard and stripped ten passengers of all their possessions. Police said the haul came to more than £1,000, plus amounts of lira, pesetas and jewels, without taking account of other personal effects.

The hold-up is just another statistic in a bulging dossier of railway robberies. Since organised gangs began terrorising passengers three years ago, the crime rate has shot up in summer, when overnight trains are crowded with holidaymakers heading to and from the Mediterranean beaches. Many of them are young foreigners unable to afford TGV express rail travel, or plane tickets.

Nationwide, SNCF recorded 1,338 complaints of theft, muggings and holdups last year; a peak was reached in 1990 at 1,955. The fall is due largely to railway police strength being increased from 823 agents to 1,210, plus support from France's specialised frontier police. Between 1990 and 1992, there was a corresponding increase in the arrest rate, from 879 to 1,075.

In Marseilles, where arrests of train robbers run at a rate of half a dozen a week, Joe Patanchon, the British Consul, says: "Hardly a week goes by without our having to help someone in trouble.

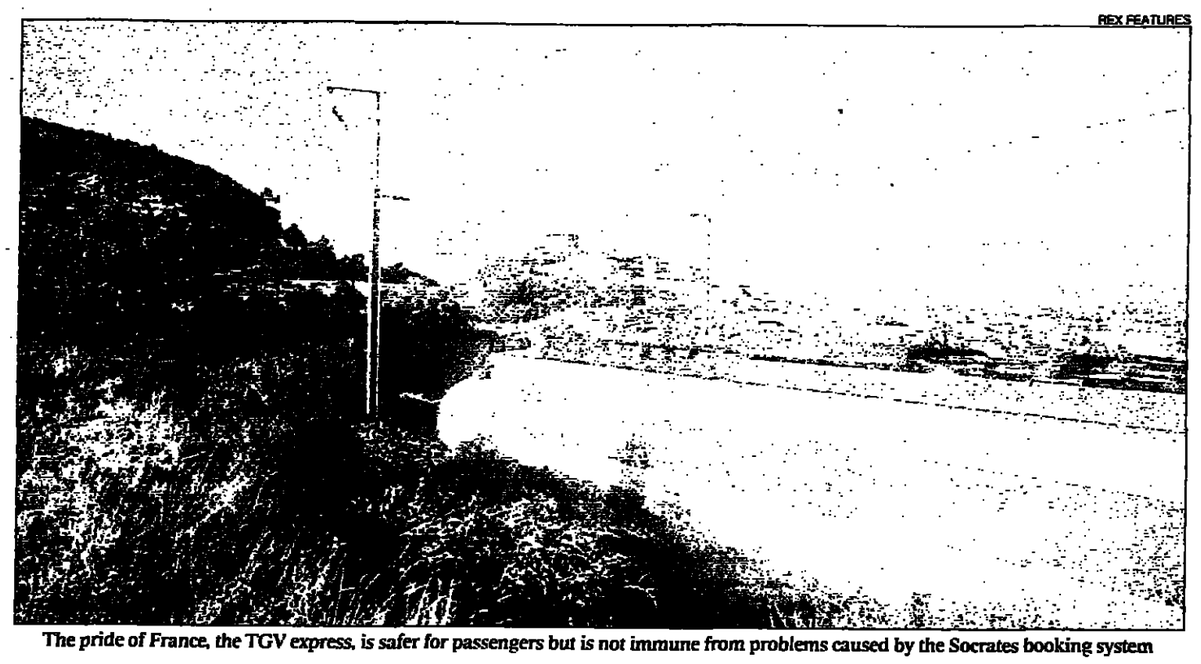
"All the thugs and thieves are also drawn here because of the high concentration of wealth. They take their holidays, too, and possibly pay for them by stealing and mugging."

SNCF has now begun to fit new security bolts to sleeping compartments on night trains. The system allows passengers to open their doors without granting outsiders access, thus solving the problem of how to answer the conductor's knock. But it could be 1995 before all rolling stock is upgraded.

Even then, this will not be the complete answer to robber gangs who have been known to use knock-out gas as well as guns and coshes. There is not much that consular officials or tourist authorities can do except offer iced tea and sympathy to victims.

In Nice, another black spot for railway crime, the number of victims pouring off night trains is so great that a special help line and office has been inaugurated for foreigners in distress. Unique in France, it works in conjunction with local police; at present it receives between 18 and 30 callers a day, although this also includes victims of street crime.

"Sometimes people come in wearing nothing but bathing trunks, which is all that they have been left," a spokesman says.



REX FEATURES

The pride of France, the TGV express, is safer for passengers but is not immune from problems caused by the Socrates booking system

Meanwhile, SNCF suffered an 8.4 per cent drop in passenger traffic in the first quarter of this year, after recording its first annual loss for many years. Industry sources say that this year it is heading for a loss of the order of £823 million, this year, and expansion plans have suffered a setback. SNCF had been hoping to attract 150 million reservations annually by 1995, a threefold increase on last year.

It is about to launch a campaign to lure back passengers after a disastrous attempt to reorganise its booking system. Various inducements are to be offered from mid-September, ranging from extended discount schemes, to an increased number of destinations available on an advance-purchase basis. Price cuts are not planned.

Earlier this year, President Mitterrand took the British to task for tardiness in planning the high speed rail link from London to the Channel tunnel — boasting about the pride of the French network, the TGV. Yet the truth is different.

SNCF itself has been in a shambles for much of the year, and TGV traffic has borne the brunt of passenger frustration over the introduction of the new "Socrates" reservation system. In March, it provoked a strike by counter clerks, who claimed it was too complex and involved extra work. To avoid paralysis of the high speed network, SNCF suspended pre-purchase reservation requirements and said passengers could board trains directly and buy tickets from conductors. The resulting free-for-all was chaos.

The French rail users' federation still says that the Socrates system — based on the airline reservation system in America — obscures the true price of fares. SNCF denies this, saying the system's great advantage is that if a passenger selects a train that is full, the computer will automatically show an alternative.

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Fare deals on flights

☐ AVRO (081-715 1910) has a selection of flight-only deals including departures from Manchester airport to Malaga for £149, and from Gatwick to Alicante for £129.

☐ STA Travel (071-937 9971) has return flights to Miami from £270 and to Boston from £215, starting October 1.

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☐ SEVEN nights at a three-star hotel in Hammamet, Tunisia, costs £393 per person (based on two sharing) from Cadogan Travel (0703 332661). Price includes return flight and accommodation with breakfast.

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☐ SEVEN nights' self-catering in Malta with Belleair (081-785 3255) departing Manchester in August/September costs £248 per person (based on four sharing).

☐ ELEGANT Resorts (0244 329671) offers two weeks for the price of one at Biras Creek on Virgin Gorda until October 31. Guests who pay for seven nights' full board receive the second week free. Prices start from £2,110.

☐ SIX nights' bed and breakfast at the Sehegambia Hotel, The Gambia, costs £339 per person from Hayes and Jarvis (081-748 5050).



Tourists white water rafting in Paanajarvi, having being flown to Russia in military helicopters. The Russians are arranging easier access

River rafters break borders

ONE OF the world's most unspoilt national parks — just south of the Arctic Circle — is to be declared open to tourists by the end of the year.

Conservation groups plan to merge Oulanka National Park, in Finland, home to bear, wolf and lynx, with the newly created Paanajarvi National Park, a 103,000 hectares forested area in Russia, which for decades has been out of bounds to most people.

The Finnish authorities are negotiating a relaxation of visa controls, which currently restrict most Finns and foreign tourists from crossing the border from one park to another. Only scientists and research students are allowed to pass freely between the two areas. A relaxation of border controls would open up to tourists a wilderness area in almost pristine condition, with opportunities for hiking, fishing and canoeing.

Julia Viramo, an ecologist at the Oulanka Biological Research Station, says: "The main problem we are encountering at the moment is that the Russian park is controlled by Moscow, rather than locally from the province of Karella, which makes negotiations difficult.

"We also get the feeling that the Russians expect us to meet the bulk of the bill for changing the visa legislation, which is unacceptable."

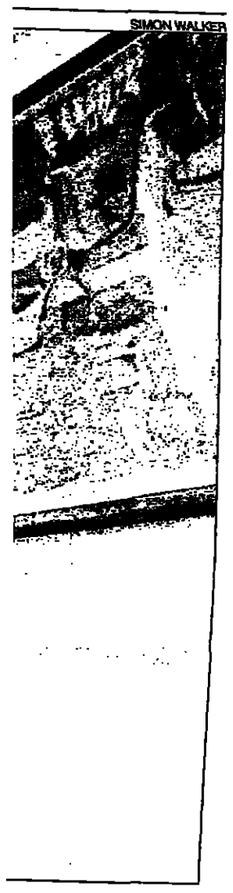
Unofficially, Finns and a handful of tourists have been venturing over the border for the past year, thanks to the ingenuity of Jokke Kamarainen, who runs an outdoor pursuits company from the winter ski resort of Ruka.

For £1,200 a head tourists are taken by Russian military helicopter from a landing pad in Norway to the northern part of Paanajarvi to go white water rafting.

Return air tickets for the three-hour flight from London Heathrow to Helsinki start at around £200. Visas are not required for British nationals. More information is available from the Finnish Tourist Board (071 839 4048).

NICK SQUIRES

SIMON WALKER



Smart movers join club

Well-dressed passengers are filling up to three-quarters of the Club-class seats on British Airways transatlantic flights from Birmingham — even though they hold only economy-class tickets.

The airline's new transatlantic services from Birmingham to New York, and Manchester to Los Angeles are likely next week to report a buoyant first five months, despite growing complaints from more casually-dressed customers of the upgrading into business class of male passengers wearing suits and ties or women dressed in business suits or dresses.

Some flights, operated by the Birmingham-based subsidiary BA Regional, are taking off with as many as three out of four Club-class passengers enjoying free upgrades from the economy cabin, provided they are "suitably dressed".

The Boeing 767 aircraft that BA Regional uses for the long-haul services, launched in April, operate without first-class seating. Cabin crews have the job of choosing which passengers with economy-class tickets are well dressed enough to fly next to full fare-paying business travellers.

Well-dressed passengers who fly BA are getting free upgrades to the Club-class cabin

The Club-class return fare for New York is £2,164. Full economy tickets — the most likely candidates for a free upgrade — cost £848. The advance-booking Apex fare is £399. The business traveller to Los Angeles pays £3,254 return compared with £1,234 full economy and £503 for Apex. The airline has received complaints from some Club-class passengers that their cabin is being unfairly invaded, particularly on the daily Birmingham service to New York, which stops in Glasgow three days a week.

Rod Hoare, the managing director of BA Regional, defends the tactics, explaining that the airline is learning the long-haul market out of Birmingham from scratch. "We have not yet got experience of what the no-show factor is on Birmingham, so we have had some overbookings. It is not a policy we want to continue once we get the overbooking profile right," he says.

Despite some complaints, however, West Midlands business travellers have been unfettered in their praise of their first local transatlantic service.

Steve Whipps, European network services director for the American telephone giant AT&T, travels from the company's Redditch office in Worcester to New York on business once a month. He says he revels in crossing the Atlantic from Birmingham rather than face the "nightmare journey" to London and through congested Heathrow.

"The winter season will be the challenge. It is no good Midlands businessmen celebrating the new service and then staying in the office — they had better fly on it or we'll lose it," he says.

Mr Hoare has given the Manchester-Los Angeles route three years to produce a profit and expects Birmingham-New York to take six months longer.

JOANNA WALTERS

● *The author writes for* Travel Trade Gazette

Recipe for a slim time

A group of hotels is aiming to strengthen the resolve of backsliding slimmers by taking tempting foods a little further from reach, *Liz Gerard writes.*

Logis of Great Britain (0865 875888) has this month introduced special "easy slimming weekends" which offer guests calorie-counted menus and a range of exercise equipment to work off the food they do eat. About 40 hotels are taking part and although the idea was intended originally as a summer promotion, many of the participating venues now plan to keep the low-calorie dishes alongside their more fattening fare throughout the year.

Guests are urged to restrict their intake to 1,000 calories at dinner and 500 at breakfast. That is far more generous than the average slimmer's diet would allow, and there are also glasses of sherry and wine available. But there is little the organisers can do to prevent customers over-indulging at the bar or sneaking a junk-food lunch into a day of sightseeing.

For such discipline, you need the rigour of a health farm — and it is exactly the people who feel intimidated by those regimes that Logis hopes to attract. "We are aiming at people who want to lose weight and enjoy the indulgence of a country house hotel without the cost or strictness of a health farm," a spokesman for the company says.

Hotels are trying to attract customers by offering them less . . . at least in terms of calories

The scheme also has the advantage that couples can go away together, with one eating from the regular menus while the other diets.

Such "mixed marriages" serve to emphasise just how calorie-rich is the average country house dinner. At the Rowton Hall Hotel near Chester, one of the hotels in the scheme, the owner, Diana Begbie, calculated that one non-diet meal totalled 1,400 calories, but she may have underestimated the generosity of her chef's portions and was probably at least 1,000 calories out.

Besides offering a special menu, hotels participating in the summer promotion have keep-fit facilities close to hand. At Rowton Hall, there is a leisure club on site, with a pool and gymnasium. The club boasts 600 local members and its staff are qualified to give advice on diet and exercise; guests can have a fitness test, join in step aerobic classes and row or cycle the inches away.

Other hotels have tennis courts, bowling greens and squash courts. Most give equal emphasis to pampering their guests, with saunas, sun beds, whirlpool baths and beauty treatments.

Prices start at about £40 per person per night for two nights' dinner, bed and breakfast. At the Moonfleet Manor in Weymouth, Dorset, the price rises to £80 and Rowton Hall charges £100. Some leisure facilities and all beauty treatments are extra.

Sample slimmer's dinner

Glass dry sherry	70 calories
Scallops in garlic and herbs	215
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■ Two British aid workers were under house arrest in central Bosnia last night amid allegations that they had been smuggling guns and ammunition to rival forces.

Stephen Pinnock and Lawrence Foster disappeared earlier this month after being dismissed by the Feed the Children charity. It was thought that they might have joined the Muslim army, but yesterday they were found in Travnik, detained by the soldiers they had tried to help..... **Pages 1, 10**

GCSE successes pose test for Patten

■ Record-breaking GCSE results published today threaten to become a timebomb for John Patten by worsening the bottleneck over university places. The sixth successive increase in high-grade results is expected to boost the numbers of pupils deciding to continue their studies ..... **Pages 1, 8, 9, 16, 23, 37**

Pollution claim

A holiday camp owner has begun a legal test case to stop a water authority from polluting his private beach ..... **Page 1**

Housing recovery

The housing market is showing unequivocal signs of recovery, figures from estate agents, builders and banks show ..... **Page 1**

Rape story made up

A woman who claimed that she was sexually assaulted during a six-hour drive through Wales at knifepoint has admitted making up the story ..... **Page 1**

Attali's new job

Jacques Attali, former president of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, has returned to a highly paid post in France ..... **Page 1**

IRA denial

The Sinn Fein activist Martin McGuinness has rejected allegations in a television documentary this week that he orchestrated IRA activities ..... **Page 2**

Jackson cancels

Michael Jackson cancelled a concert in Thailand, claiming dehydration, as police in California continued to investigate allegations of child abuse ..... **Page 3**

Jail for the lazy

Judge Tumim has condemned Britain's first privatised prison for providing a regime of "corrupting lethargy" and easy access to drugs ..... **Pages 5, 17**

9-year custody fight

A father whose nine-year legal battle for custody of his son has cost the taxpayer about £500,000 will make a final bid for victory this month ..... **Page 4**

Genetic trials

The first British trial of a new treatment for cystic fibrosis begins today. It is a landmark in the application of genetic knowledge to human disease ..... **Page 7**

Sunken secrets

The U-boat salvaged off Denmark has yielded its first secrets: German white wine and a gross of condoms ..... **Pages 11, 17**

Rutskoi claim

President Yeltsin's supporters have called for an investigation into allegations of graft by the rebellious vice-president Aleksandr Rutskoi ..... **Page 11**

Defectors guarded

Britain has guaranteed to protect the two Iraqi diplomats who defected in London this week against retaliation ..... **Page 12**

Arafat challenge

Growing calls for the resignation of Yasser Arafat have presented the PLO leader with his stiffest political challenge for more than 20 years ..... **Page 12**

Space oddities

As the spacecraft Mars Observer continued its unwanted radio silence, conspiracy theorists began constructing elaborate explanations of a cover-up ..... **Page 13**

Watchdog tears a strip off champions

■ Manchester United, the Premier League champions, were criticised by the Consumers' Association for changing the design of their strip too often, forcing young supporters and their parents to buy more replicas. The association also criticised the price of the kits. All but three teams in the Premier League charge more than £40 for junior strips..... **Pages 3, 42**



Revellers pelting each other with more than 100,000 tomatoes during the annual "tomatina" festival at Buñol, Spain, yesterday. About 20,000 people joined the 45-minute fruit fight, which originated in 1945 when locals pelted priests and town officials

BUSINESS

Markets: The FT-SE 100 reached a fresh closing high of 3079.1, up 29.8 on hopes of a German interest rate cut today. Sterling fell from $1.4975 to $1.4798 and from DM2.5139 to DM2.5028 ..... **Page 23**

Educating for industry: The system is preparing youngsters badly for an economy that does not need them. Employers are concerned but unable to help ..... **Page 23**

Building bloc: MB-Caradon, the buildings products and American cheque printing business, is buying the bulk of RTZ's Pillar businesses for £800 million, to form the second-biggest building products company in the United Kingdom after Redland ..... **Page 25**

SPORT

Modern pentathlon: At a scrap metal merchant's by Gloucester docks, it is possible to witness two men, clad in masks and white jackets, lunging, cutting, thrusting and parrying along ramparts of crushed steel. It is how the modern pentathlon world champion keeps in trim ..... **Page 38**

Golf: Europe's leading golfers have their last chance to stake a claim for a place in the Ryder Cup team next month when they compete in the German Open near Düsseldorf today ..... **Page 39**

Football: Racism is still a problem in the modern game but Rob Hughes argues that things are getting better ..... **Page 42**

FEATURES

Instruments of war: "Some of the earliest known chessmen are seven ivory figures, footsoldiers and riders, excavated by Russian archaeologists at Samarkand. Here the military nature of the game is plainly manifest" ..... **Page 14**

Identical evidence: How do juries arrive at their decisions on defendants' guilt and innocence? Ian Robertson reports on the psychology of jurors ..... **Page 15**

TRAVEL NEWS

Travellers abroad: Violence against passengers on night trains in France is continuing, despite the police reinforcements drafted in to deal with the threat ..... **Page 21**

ARTS

Clint back in action: Best of the week's new cinema releases is *In the Line of Fire*, starring Clint Eastwood as a secret serviceman stalking the psychopathic killer John Malkovich. Also out this week is Kenneth Branagh's *Much Ado About Nothing* ..... **Page 31**

Edinburgh angst: The latest theatrical offering from the festival is the British premiere of *Crossfire*, a powerful work by the French dramatist Michel Azama ..... **Page 32**

Bacchae in the pipeline: The avant-garde Greek composer Iannis Xenakis, in London for the premiere of his new opera *The Bacchae*, talks about setting Euripides to music ..... **Page 33**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Luke McShane, 9, has become the youngest chess player to earn an official world ranking. He is likely to qualify for a rating of 2160 or above
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Candice Carpenter, 4, became the 36th Miss Pears at the Savoy Hotel, London. She was chosen from more than 23,000 applicants
Page 18



Edouard Balladur will meet Chancellor Kohl today in an attempt to paper over the cracks in their increasingly strained relationship
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

On the right track

■ The quickest way of selling a song these days is to get it played in a movie. Alan Jackson looks at the fierce competition for places on the big soundtracks

Poetry and prejudice

■ Ben Macintyre meets Janet Malcolm, whose *New Yorker* article on Sylvia Plath's biographers and their problems with the Hughes family made waves

Life in the slow lane

■ Ever feel irritated by the slow-moving caravan ahead? Vaughan Freeman got hitched and saw it from the other side

TV LISTINGS

Members of the public show off their camcorder footage and see their dreams come true in the natural history series *Wildlife Detectives* (BBC1, 8pm) ..... **Page 43**

OPINION

Open marriage

The disciplines of the "marriage" between France and Germany have become too rigid for the wider needs of Europe. A certain amicable distancing, now in prospect, would be healthy ..... **Page 17**

Turning the screws

The essence of imprisonment must always be punitive, the withdrawal of liberty by humane containment. But, as Judge Tumim has argued, it is right to expect more ..... **Page 17**

Myth from the sea

The British are obsessed with the war and Nazis. If only the salvage team could discover some Churchill and royal memorabilia on board the U534, it would make the perfect story ..... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

MARTIN IVENS

If you ask a middle-class layman whether the government is responsible for denying school children a higher education or for expanding university places, there is no contest. John Patten is thought to be Scrooge and Gradgrind rolled into one ..... **Page 16**

JANET DALEY

Resistance to freedom of information is not based just on a need to cover up maladministration. It is a remnant of feudal paternalism: a failure to understand what democracy really involves ..... **Page 16**

LETTERS

How new roles could be found for prisons and prisoners ..... **Page 17**

THE PAPERS

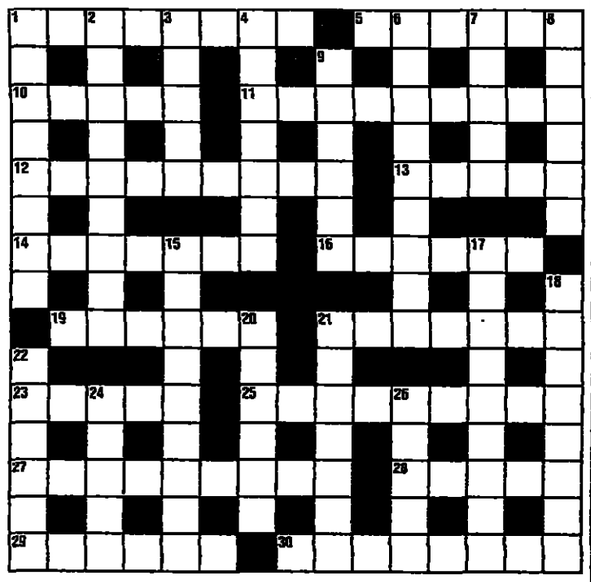
Space exploration gives Americans something that is priceless — a close-up of Saturn's rings, knowledge of whether there ever was life on Mars, insights into the origins of the universe. Nasa must fix its glitches so America can continue to reach into space

— USA Today

Perhaps Russia was only striking a pose for bargaining purposes when it revoked its promise to pull all its remaining troops out of Lithuania this month. But if that was merely a tactical move, it was a dangerous one

— The Washington Post

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,319



ACROSS

1 Sounded like a pig out of the pound — happy! (8).
5 Responsibility for assault (6).
10 Hot in attractive place that suits one (5).
11 Jazzman announced but is whistled at (9).
12 Defeat for an island people, followers of rugger (9).
13 Entrance hall for the old to sit in (5).
14 Marking the mattress cover (7).
16 Recluse wins the lady's hand, we hear (6).
19 Hacks back to firm plaster (6).
21 Long-suffering, but glaring about one (7).
23 Country has sea change by order (5).
25 Attack by paper causes collapse (9).
27 Short article on animal in the dogs' home (9).
28 Joint bank lending disclosure (5).
29 Baroque art one displaced (6).
30 Do a silly version that's not true (8).

DOWN

1 Produce variety of green tea (8).
2 Does it produce the gamine look, Arab style? (6,3).
3 A letter from the Army (5).
4 Executed charming picture (7).
6 Hastily top trees beginning to tilt (4,5).
7 Race broadcast (5).
8 Last to finish on the river (6).
9 Sea-front fish smell (6).
15 Severe Pope, though popular at first (9).
17 Game played on a diamond in North America? (3,6).
18 The number on each pound is very delicate (8).
20 Crooked bosses' haunt (6).
21 Play on words — one without punch in this language (7).
22 Red Indian becoming blue in the river (6).
24 Continue to play the historian (5).
26 Follow the scent (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,318

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WEATHER

Northern Scotland will be mostly cloudy with some light rain or drizzle. The rest of Scotland will be rather cloudy at times but dry. Northern Ireland after scattered drizzle should become dry and bright. East Anglia and Kent may see some showers but elsewhere in England it should be dry and quite bright. Northwest England and north Wales may start rather grey but will soon brighten. Outlook: dry in south, some rain in north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: l=thunder, d=drizzle, fg=fog; s=sun, sl=sleet, sn=snow, f=fair, c=cloud, r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	29	84	s	Madrid	21	70	c
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Majorca	28	84	f
Alex'dria	29	84	f	Malaga	26	79	f
Algiers	31	88	f	Malta	32	90	s
Amst'dm	15	59	r	Melb'rne	20	68	s
Athens	32	90	s	Mexico C*	24	75	s
Bahrain	35	95	s	Miami*	34	93	s
Bangkok	32	90	c	Milan	27	81	f
Barbados*	27	81	c	Montreal*	23	73	c
Barcelona	25	77	c	Moscow	16	59	c
Beirut	29	84	s	Munich	15	59	f
Belgrade	29	84	s	Nairobi	23	73	f
Berlin	17	63	c	Naples	34	93	s
Bermuda*	30	86	s	N Delhi	34	93	s
Biarritz	21	70	f	N York*	28	82	s
Borde'x	23	73	f	Nice	26	79	f
Brussels	16	61	c	Oslo	17	63	f
Budapest	26	84	f	Paris	19	66	s
B Aires*	24	75	s	Peking	34	93	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Perth	13	55	c
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Prague	17	63	f
Chicago*	29	84	s	Reykjavik	10	50	d
Ch'church	13	55	s	Rhodes	30	86	s
Cologne	15	59	s	Rio de J	25	77	f
C'phagn	18	64	s	Riyadh	38	102	s
Corfu	33	91	c	Rome	30	90	s
Dublin	15	59	s	Salzburg	13	55	c
Dubrovnik	31	88	s	S Fr'sco*	21	70	s
Faro	28	82	s	Santiago*	22	72	s
Florence	31	88	s	S Paulo*	17	63	f
Frankfurt	17	63	f	Seoul	27	81	f
Funchal	22	72	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Geneva	15	59	c	St'kholm	14	57	f
Gibraltar	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	19	66	s
Helsinki	14	57	f	Sydney	18	64	s
Hong K	32	90	s	Tangier	22	72	s
Innsbruck	15	59	r	Tenerife	25	77	f
Istanbul	26	79	s	Tokyo	31	88	f
Jeddah	36	96	s	Toronto*	28	82	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	s	Tunis	38	100	s
Karachi	32	90	c	Valencia	29	84	s
L Palmas	28	79	s	Venice	27	81	f
La Toquet	15	59	f	Vanc'ver*	16	61	f
Lisbon	21	70	c	Vienna	15	59	f
Locarno	23	73	c	Warsaw	18	64	f
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wash'ton*	29	84	s
Luxembg	15	59	f	Wel'ngton	12	54	s
Luxor	38	100	s	Zurich	13	55	r

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Humidity 6pm, 51 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 5.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,019.4 millibars, steady. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp, Falmouth, Cornwall, 20C (68F). Lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F). Highest rainfall: Tiree, Hebrides, 0.46in. Highest sunshine: Ryde, Isle of Wight, 12.6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.8 hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain, 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.3 hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aviemore	0.4	-	11	52	cloudy
Belfast	6.9	-	16	61	sunny
Birmingham	9.9	-	16	61	sunny
Bognor Regis	12.5	-	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	11.5	0.03	19	66	sunny
Bristol	10.0	-	18	64	sunny
Buxton	7.8	0.02	13	55	sunny
Colwyn Bay	8.9	0.15	15	59	sunny
Cromer	3.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Eastbourne	11.2	-	17	63	sunny
Eskdalemuir	1.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Exmouth	12.0	-	18	64	sunny
Falmouth	9.6	-	20	68	sunny
Folkestone	9.4	0.02	17	63	sunny
Guernsey	6.2	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	9.2	-	17	63	sunny
Hunstanton	1.7	0.14	14	57	cloudy
Isle of Man	5.7	0.13	15	59	bright
Jersey	9.1	0.33	18	64	sunny
Kinloss	-	0.04	12	54	drizzle
Leeds	7.8	-	16	61	sunny
Lerwick	1.7	0.02	11	52	rain
Littlehampton	11.6	-	18	64	sunny
London	11.5	-	17	63	sunny
Margate	8.5	-	17	63	sunny
Minehead	x	-	17	63	sunny
Morecambe	7.7	-	16	61	sunny
Newcastle	5.1	-	15	59	bright
Newquay	12.1	-	17	63	sunny
Nottingham	8.6	-	16	61	sunny
Plymouth	10.0	-	18	64	sunny
Poole	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Salcombe	12.1	-	17	63	sunny
Sandown	11.1	-	18	64	sunny
Saunton Snd	10.8	-	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	3.1	0.04	13	55	bright
Scilly Isles	9.6	-	17	63	sunny
Shanklin	10.5	-	18	64	sunny
Southsea	12.4	-	18	64	sunny
Stornoway	0.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Swanage	12.2	-	17	63	sunny
Teignmouth	12.4	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	4.1	0.14	16	61	bright
Tiree	3.3	0.46	14	57	bright
Torquay	12.3	-	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	11.8	-	19	66	sunny
Wick	0.1	0.03	12	54	rain

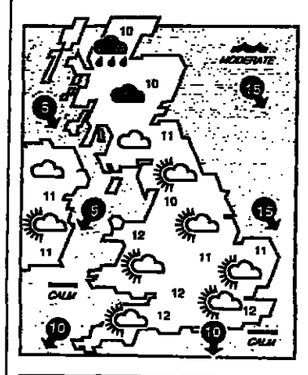
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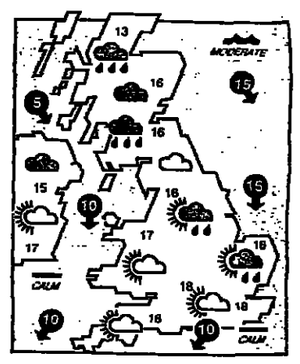
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Australia $	2.32	2.12
Austria Sch	18.73	17.23
Belgium Fr	55.97	51.57
Canada $	2.090	1.930
Cyprus Cypt	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.89	10.19
Finland Mkk	9.28	8.48
France Fr	9.24	8.54
Germany Dm	2.66	2.45
Greece Dr	387.36	342.36
Hong Kong $	12.25	11.25
Ireland Pt	1.11	1.03
Italy Lira	2482.72	2327.72
Japan Yen	174.22	164.72
Netherlands Gld	2.99	2.78
Norway Kr	11.49	10.69
Portugal Esc	266.46	247.96
South Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	209.84	195.84
Sweden Kr	12.69	11.83
Switzerland Fr	2.34	2.16
Turkey Lira	18742	17742
USA $	1.595	1.465

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 8.30 pm to 5.34 am
Bristol 8.40 pm to 5.43 am
Edinburgh 9.35 pm to 5.35 am
Manchester 8.43 pm to 5.37 am
Penzance 8.49 pm to 5.58 am

Sun rises: 6.04 am
Sun sets: 8.00 pm
Moon rises: 4.45 pm
Moon sets: 12.06 am
Full moon September 1

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

YESTERDAY

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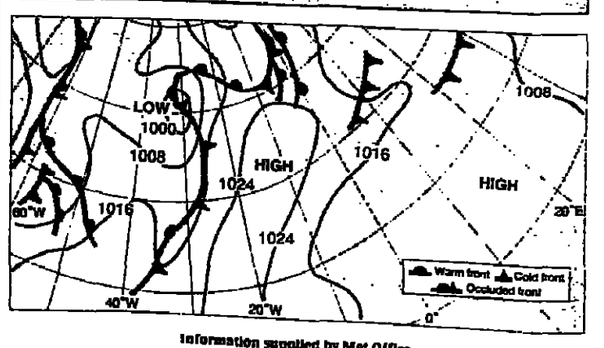
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Belfast	14	57	c	Guernsey	16	61	s
B'mngham	16	61	f	Inverness	12	54	c
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	18	64	s
Bristol	17	63	f	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	16	61	f	M'nchster	14	57	c
Edinburgh	16	61	f	Newcastle	14	57	r
Glasgow	15	59	f	R'nldsway	14	57	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.00	6.3	6.28	6.3
Aberdeen	7.57	3.7	8.31	3.4
Avonmouth	1.00	11.1	1.29	10.6
Belfast	5.35	3.2	6.11	3.0
Cardiff	12.45	10.4	1.14	9.9
Devonport	—	—	—	—
Dover	5.12	5.8	5.44	5.8
Falmouth	11.54	4.4	—	—
Glasgow	6.44	4.7	7.21	4.5
Harwich	5.58	3.6	6.26	3.6
Holyhead	4.41	4.8	5.20	4.6
Hull	12.13	6.5	12.46	6.3
Ilfracombe	—	—	12.23	7.4
King's Lynn	12.29	5.5	12.59	5.6
Leith	9.22	4.9	9.49	4.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	5.23	8.1	6.01	7.8
Lowestoft	3.45	2.1	4.16	2.3
Margate	6.08	4.2	6.34	4.3
Milford Haven	12.11	5.8	12.44	5.6
Newquay	11.43	5.7	—	—
Oban	—	—	—	—
Penzance	11.42	4.6	—	—
Portland	—	—	—	—
Portsmouth	—	—	—	—
Shoreham	5.16	5.2	5.49	5.2
Southampton	5.22	4.0	5.56	4.0
Swansea	12.15	8.1	12.47	7.8
Tees	10.22	4.6	10.56	4.4
W'ton-on-Nze	5.55	3.7	6.25	3.8

NOON TODAY



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THE TIMES

THURSDAY AUGUST 26 1993

Education system could do better, says industry

Vocational qualifications must come first if schools are to give business what it wants, **Ross Tieman** says

THE education system is preparing youngsters, badly, for an economy that does not need them. Britain's bosses are concerned, sympathetic, but all too often unable to assist.

The demographic dragon, which in the late 1980s threatened a dearth of school leavers, has proved a mere chimera. If they can help it, 16 year olds are not school leavers at all. Six out of ten now stay on in search of greater qualifications. They have nowhere else to go.

In 1989, when many of today's 18 year olds were making key subject choices, Britain's main clearing banks recruited 23,700 school and college leavers. Last year, the tally is unlikely to have exceeded 2,500. "This year we will take on just a few hundred young people," said a spokeswoman for Barclays. "It is very hard to justify taking on large numbers of young people when we have announced that we intend to reduce total staff numbers by 15,000 to 17,000 over the next five years."

Just so. Recession has forced restructuring on British industry. The shrinkage of the service sector, over-inflated during the bubble economy of the late 1980s, is visible to all. In the search for savings, supermarkets have substituted part-timers, many of them confident middle-aged mothers, for 16 year olds.

Manufacturing, lean to start with, has become leaner. Lucas Industries, a big, modern-minded aerospace and automotive components group, has not taken on a school-leaver, of any age, for three or four years. Small firms, traditional hirers of unskilled youngsters, have also retrenched.

In a tough jobs market, youngsters have reacted intelligently. They have sought better and more flexible qualifications. Small wonder that pure science places at university are in poor demand.

But this trend is worrying industry's personnel officers and training specialists. Efforts by government, schools and colleges to improve the quality of those entering the world of work are universally acknowledged and applauded by industry. But from the business perspective, much remains to be done.

Colin Shock used to be training and development manager for East Midlands Electricity. Now he is chairman of the Nottingham City Technology College and adviser to the Association of British Chambers of Commerce. His personal views are trenchant. "I don't think schools are producing what industry wants at the moment," he says, "but they are beginning to. Vocational qualifications are still regarded as a second choice to GCSEs and A Levels. I long to see it the other way about."

Mr Shock believes schools and colleges should turn out individuals with a better all-round education, who are versatile and possess strong spiritual and moral values.

"Our job is not to turn out factory fodder but to build foundations for a working life." The education system should also teach people how to learn so that they can cope with change. "I don't think we have got vocational qualifications right yet."

Problems in producing flexible, rounded graduates persist at university level. John Stevens, director of professional policy at the Institute of Personnel Management, savages the narrowness of A level options and degree courses which turn out "innumerate arts graduates and illiterate science graduates".

As industry becomes better managed and its products better engineered, the need for high skill levels is growing. Lucas has been careful to maintain graduate recruitment. This year it will recruit 41 university leavers, most of them engineers, and it will pick the best of the crop.

The Lucas "shopping list" of skills sought among graduate recruits should serve as a lesson for all involved in education and training. Top of the list is communication skills. Team working ranks second. Problem solving, analytical skills, flexibility, adaptability, intra-personal skills, decision making and ability to make independent judgments all figure. Numeracy ranks in ninth place.

Only artistic scientists or scientific artists need apply.

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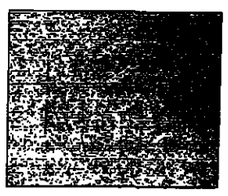


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THE POUND

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German mark ..... 2.5028 (-0.0111)
Exchange index ..... 80.2 (-0.5)
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* Denotes midday trading price

German rate cut hopes boost shares

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Call for urgent cut in European interest rates on eve of Bundesbank council meeting has been made to stop the bull market across Europe coming to an abrupt end**

BRITISH shares hit another record high as investors pinned their hopes on a cut in German interest rates which would allow the rest of Europe scope for easier money and some relief from the ravages of recession and high unemployment.

Although there is little expectation in London financial markets of an immediate cut in base rates, falling rates around Europe would leave room for a cut later this year if the economy needs another boost, and would help to promote growth in Britain's key export markets on the Continent.

The FT-SE 100 index closed 29.9 points higher at 3,079.2, adding about £7 billion to share values. Sterling, however, remained under pressure against the dollar and the mark. The pound's trade-weighted index closed at 80.2, down from 80.8.

London share prices have soared since the virtual collapse of the exchange-rate mechanism. David Kern, chief economist at NatWest Bank, gave warning, ahead of the Bundesbank's council meeting today — the first since the summer recess — that the bull market in shares could end abruptly if European interest rates were not cut.

"If hopes for interest rate cuts are disappointed, there is a ... risk that the current buoyancy of European equity markets will be reversed sharply," Mr Kern said. "We could then face large falls in share prices, which will worsen significantly Europe's prospects for growth and employment in 1994."

Yesterday's rally in London shares was echoed throughout Europe, where stocks and bonds rose on hopes of a German discount rate cut today. In Germany, the Dax 30 index closed 20.09 points higher at 1,917.78; in Paris, the CAC-40 index ended 35.91 points higher at 2,159.31.

If the Bundesbank fails to cut rates, the ERM could face a period of renewed turbulence, even testing the new 15 per cent fluctuation bands. Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister, suggested for the first time that the self-imposed deadline of returning to narrow bands on January 1, 1994, might not be feasible.

He said: "We must not return in all haste ... to the narrow band of currency fluctuations." He added, however, that he did not want to see currencies trade to the limits of their wide bands.

The policy of most European governments of trying to maintain their currencies around the levels that prevailed before the ERM debacle, and therefore the persistence of high interest rates, look increasingly unsustainable in the face of mounting political pressure. A group of 14 Belgian economists urged their government to suspend the link between the Belgian franc and the mark to save Belgium from recession.

The economists, from the Flemish Catholic University of Louvain, said: "Unconditional alignment with German monetary policy presents much bigger dangers of deflationary pressures, economic slowdown and higher unemployment." The National Bank of Belgium responded that it was sticking with its "strict orthodox monetary policy".

Hopes of a German rate cut revived after regional German cost of living reports suggested that the national consumer prices figure might have fallen from 4.3 per cent to between 4.1 and 4.2 per cent in the month to mid-August.

Economists have been surprised by Bundesbank rate decisions recently. However, on the basis of lower inflation and the dwindling of the spread between the discount rate and the repurchase rate to five basis points, they are betting on a quarter- to half-point discount rate cut. The discount rate is 6.75 per cent and the repo rate 6.80 per cent.

☐ UK construction orders in the second quarter of the year were 11 per cent lower than in the first, but 11 per cent higher than in the second quarter of 1992, according to provisional government figures.

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SIMON WALKER



PETER Jansen, chief executive at MB-Caradon, enjoys the success of forming the second largest building products company in the UK, with the acquisition of the bulk of RTZ's Pillar businesses for £800 million.

The City welcomed the long-awaited deal, which is part funded by a one-for-four rights issue to raise £334 million, and the shares surged ahead 30p to 342p.

The news came as MB-Caradon unveiled an £8.7 million rise in operating profits to £51.2 million for the six months of 1993. Pre-tax profits of £152.8 million included a £100.3 million profit on the sale of the company's a 25.3 per cent stake in CarnaudMetalbox, the packaging company.

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The City should mind its own business



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

At last, a judge has said plainly *in open court what so many* acknowledge in private. In dismissing a Serious Fraud Office case against two former TC Coombs stockbrokers, his Honour Judge Clark added a personal note: "I cannot help thinking that this sort of enquiry in a case where there has been no financial loss to any individual would be far better left to the regulatory jurisdiction of the appropriate bodies rather than a full-blown criminal trial."

Judge Clark's opinion does not seem to rest on the failure of this prosecution, which he explained by what came out in cross-examination of witnesses, rather than on the SFO or the way the case was prosecuted. The judge was making a general observation that "regulatory bodies have powers to conduct proper enquiries and they have sanctions which they can impose which, in this sort of situation, I would have thought would be far more appropriate than a criminal trial".

Not everyone would say that the crimes alleged *in such trials* as those arising from the Guinness takeover of Distillers and the Blue Arrow share issue were victimless, though the Coombs case that failed this week was a particularly in-house City affair. The allegations were essentially that the defendants had lied to its regulator, The Securities Association — now the Securities and Futures Association — in order to keep their authority to trade under the Financial Services Act. What separates such cases from conventional fraud trials — such as that after the collapse of Barlow Clowes — is that they allege breaches of City rules, cheating for advantage, rather than straightforward criminal swindles by crooks trying to divert other people's money into their own pockets.

Time after time, these City cases take several years to reach court, many months in trial and, in the well-worn phrase, cost many millions of pounds — nearly all taxpayers' pounds. Too often for mere coincidence, after all that, they do not even reach the long-suffering frustrated jurors. Should defendants be convicted, the sheer scale of the case often requires that they be jailed, for no other great public purpose but at even more public expense, only to be let out of their open prisons as soon as decently possible. Should they eventually be found innocent, the defendants will suffer almost as much and certainly more than they should.

Issues such as better preparation of cases, even greater SFO powers, earlier disclosure of defences, or whether complex fraud trials should be conducted before an ordinary jury are red herrings. The curtain should be brought down on this whole embarrassing circus.

When serious misdemeanours undermine the business standards and protection of investors on which the City rests, it should be up to the financial regulators to sort the matters out quickly and firmly. The correct punishments are fines, loss of reputation and excluding or suspending individuals and firms from doing business.

Forcing complex transactions into the straitjacket of simple criminal fraud or theft charges does not work, focusing attention unduly on to interpreting people's actions. The burden of proof is also much higher than that in civil actions or regulatory decisions, as it should be when defendants' liberty is at stake. The abject failure to eradicate or prosecute insider trading is a case in point. Investigators' frustrations are likely to grow even worse under impending changes in the law.

The wood is being missed for the trees here. By raising acts of cheating, however serious, into heinous criminal offences, the priority becomes justice rather than cleaning up the financial community. Some regulators, such as the SFA and, more recently, the Securities and Investments Board, have volunteered to play a stronger role as enforcer as well as policeman.

A start could be made making a reality of unused powers already on the statute book, as the SIB's Andrew Large has promised to do. If that does not prove sufficient, then regulators should be given, or delegated, more powers. And if that, in turn, requires reform of the regulators to make them more acountable and independent, then so be it.

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Newspaper and media groups' results show signs of recovery

BSkyB profit and lower debt lift News Corp results

By Colin Campbell

■ Improved performances by its newspapers and a move by BSkyB into profit lifted results for News International and its parent, The News Corporation

COST-CUTTING at its newspaper operations in Britain, coupled with improved efficiencies after an extensive plant modernisation programme, saw operating profits of News International, owner of *The Times*, rise by 13 per cent, to £140.8 million (£124.8 million), in the year to June 30.

This, in turn, helped The News Corporation, the parent company of which Rupert Murdoch is chairman and chief executive, to report 1993 operating profits before tax of A$1.16 billion (£513.4 million), compared with A$622.4 million in 1992. Group turnover was 4.9 per cent higher, at A$10.7 billion.

News Corp said that its newspaper, television and magazine operations had improved their performances, but that results from its film interests had been disappointing. The group's financial position continued to strengthen. A new A$3 billion bank facility was concluded, and debt was reduced by A$1 billion. The interest charge, reflecting lower debts and reduced interest rates, fell 21 per cent, to A$737.1 million.

Debt maturity has been extended and credit ratings accorded by Standard & Poor's and Fitch Investor Service's to News Corp's corporate paper have been raised. News Corp said it expected Moody's would shortly accord its paper a re-rating.

BSkyB and Ansett Transport Industries, both of which are 50 per cent owned by News Corp, both turned from losses to profits, and the group's associated companies reported profits of A$177 million, against a loss of A$57 million.

News Corp's operating profits (before abnormal items) rose by 84.5 per cent, to A$978.9 million. On a like-for-like basis, the underlying businesses showed a 10 per cent profits improvement, though it was a poor year for News Corp's film interests.

A total 1993 dividend of 3 cents is being paid, compared with 2.5 cents paid in 1992. On the stock market, News Corp shares eased 5p, to 415p. News International shares were 2p easier at 257p.

In Britain, circulation and advertising revenues remained relatively flat throughout the year, because of the delayed economic upturn. Operating profits at *The Sun*, *News of the World* and *The Sunday Times* showed significant gains, and circulation of *Today* rose almost 15 per cent.

News International's share of profits from BSkyB was £26.7 million, compared with a £13.3 million share of losses in 1992.

At net level, News International's profits were £146.4 million, compared with £36 million earned in 1992. There was no tax charge in the year to June 30. The tax holiday is expected to continue "for another two or three years".

Operating margins of News International's newspaper operations rose by two percentage points, to 23 per cent. The company said suggestions that VAT might be put on newspapers and/or magazines in the November budget were "of concern" to the industry.

BSkyB, which is now received in 3.347 million homes, is launching a new basic pay package on September 1. It continuously registered weekly operating profits in the year to June 30, and revenues rose by 60 per cent.

In America, Fox Television Stations now broadcasts to almost 24 per cent of the total US television audience. Since June, News Corp has extended its interests by acquiring 63.6 per cent of Star Television in Hong Kong, and 15 per cent of Australia's Seven Network. Star TV is the world's largest satellite broadcaster.

Operating income from filmed entertainment, at A$52.6 million compared with A$127 million, was "disappointing", the company said, but profits would improve this year. Book publishing showed a marked improvement in the second half, but the division's operating income for the full year, at A$201.5 million, was marginally lower.



British Sky Broadcasting has moved into operating profit for the first time

Satellite and cable mount a powerful TV challenge

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

SATELLITE television, which scarcely existed in Britain four years ago, is becoming a serious contender for viewers and advertising revenue.

The News Corporation's annual results, published yesterday, show that British Sky Broadcasting, in which it holds a 50 per cent stake, made an operating profit in the year to June 30 — the first the satellite broadcaster has made. BSkyB contributed £26.7 million to the profits of News International (which is controlled by News Corporation and which also owns *The Times*), against a loss of £13.3 million last time.

The figures coincide with publication of a report by Zenith Media, the UK's biggest airtime buyer, showing that a quarter of British children (aged up to 15) and 18 per cent of adults now live in homes with satellite or cable television.

Despite a slowdown in sales of satellite dishes — from an average of almost 50,000 a month in 1992 to an estimated 30,000 a month this year — Frank Harrison, head of research at Zenith Media, predicts that the market for satellite and cable television will steadily increase. He says 5.6 million households will have satellite television by the year 2000, up from 2.5 million today.

Mr Harrison expects sales of satellite dishes to increase in the final four months of the year, following the launch of Sky Multi-Channels, a package of 14 paid-for channels. Although the new service, which is being marketed by BSkyB but which includes channels owned by rival operators, will end free access to some satellite channels previously available at no charge, most dish-owners are expected to subscribe, initially.

The multi-channel package will be also be available on cable, which is expected to see the biggest growth. Over the past year, the number of cabled homes has risen from 330,000 to almost half a million. In the longer term, media analysts expect cable to outstrip satellite television, largely because cable operators also offer a cut-price telephone service.

Telegraph interims ahead of market expectations

By Susan Gilchrist

THE Telegraph, the newspaper group headed by Conrad Black, beat analysts' expectations to report a strong rise in interim profit. This was largely owing to profits from disposals and interests in associated companies.

The company, which made its stock market debut in July last year, increased pre-tax profit by 60 per cent, to £34.6 million from £21.6 million, in the six months to June.

There was a £6.5 million exceptional gain on the disposal of its stake in Trinity International Holdings last February, and a £4 million contribution from its 25 per cent holding in Fairfax, the Australian newspaper group that publishes the *Sydney Morning Herald* and the *Australian Financial Review*.

The core newspaper operations of *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph* also performed well; both titles maintained their market share, despite an aggressive pricing policy. Circulation revenue rose by 9 per cent and advertising revenue by 4 per cent, despite a sluggish market, particularly in classified advertising.



Black: raising payout

The group's controversial purchase last February of a 9.4 per cent stake in Southam, the Canadian publisher, from Mr Black's Hollinger Group for £67 million has been accounted for only as a trading investment.

Mr Black said the Southam stake would be "kept under close review".

Mr Black acknowleged that further profit growth in the second half depended on an upturn in the advertising market. However, he was sufficiently confident to raise the interim dividend from 4.5p to 5.5p per share, a rise of 22 per cent. The share price, which was set at 325p on flotation, rose 29p, from 389p to 418p.

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Irish group doubles earnings

PRE-TAX profit at Independent Newspapers, the Irish publishing house headed by Tony O'Reilly, more than doubled, to Ir£14.6 million (£13.6 million) from Ir£7.0 million, in the six months to June 30 (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The rise was mainly due to tight cost control and a strong performance from Independent's Irish titles, which increased both circulation and advertising market share.

The bottom line was also boosted by an exceptional item of Ir£2.6 million, which represents the Ir£3.6 million profit on the disposal of the group's 2 per cent stake in Mirror Group Newspapers, less the Ir£979,000 cost of redundancies in its provincial newspaper operations.

The interim dividend is lifted from 3.3p to 4.0p per share, a rise of 21 per cent.

EC set to act against airport monopolies

From Tom Walker in Brussels

KAREL Van Miert, the European Community's competition commissioner, yesterday said Brussels was prepared to take action against "intolerable" overcharging of the EC's struggling airlines by airport ground-handling monopolies.

Mr van Miert said many complaints were already lodged with the commission about Frankfurt, Milan and Madrid airports, and added that it was his "personal view" that EC competition rules should be brought to bear on airports as soon as possible. But he added that full liberalisation of ground-handling was out of the question: some airports were better run by one handler. "Where airports are particularly busy or there are special security problems, then maybe you can't introduce liberalisation," he said.

While welcoming Mr van Miert's stand against monopolies, airlines were alarmed that some airports might escape liberalisation on the grounds of security or efficiency needs, a case pleaded by Flughafen Frankfurt Main AG this week. "There is no case for retaining monopolies either for security or any other reason," said Sir Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland, which has already contested one court case with Frankfurt.

Reserving particular vitriol for Spanish handling arrangements, Sir Michael accused ground monopolies of "raping" airlines. "They've been completely immune to the recession affecting the airlines and have kept stepping up their charges," he said. In the Netherlands, KLM says it could save about £8.7 million a year if ground-handling charges around Europe were the same as those at Schiphol in Amsterdam. Officials claim some monopolies are charging 50 per cent more than handlers at deregulated airports.

While Mr van Miert has also received complaints against nearly all airports in Germany and Portugal, Sir Michael said liberalisation worked well in Britain and BAA was "not guilty".

Mr van Miert said that among other complaints, state aid was still an issue. Aer Lingus and TAP were among those awaiting clearance from Brussels for applications for government cash.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

British Telecom opens network to cable TV

BRITISH Telecom has signed a deal to open its telephone network to 60 cable television operators in Britain. BT said the agreement has been reached with the Cable Operator Strategy Group, which represents about 60 of the 135 cable TV franchises in the UK, but the deal will be available to any franchise. Until now, all but three cable companies have had interconnect agreements exclusively with Mercury, the Cable and Wireless unit. BT will offer telephony interconnect to individual franchises.

Ray Smith, BT's Director of Carrier Services, said: "We are confident that the terms of the benchmark deal we have negotiated will be extremely attractive to the cable operators, and anticipate that a number will be signing up in the next few weeks." The deal provides for telephony interconnect, transmission of calls, and access to BT's Linkline and Premium Rate services. BT is also offering the emergency service, and basic national and international operator services.

VW chief snubs López

KLAUS Liesen, supervisory board chairman of Volkswagen, said he would not support José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, VW's production chief, unconditionally while claims of industrial espionage were still being looked into. In an interview with *Die Zeit*, Herr Liesen said: "I will put my hand in the fire for no-one as long as an investigation is under way and I am responsible for the investigation being carried out objectively and coming to an unequivocal result."

Cathay result hits shares

THE share prices of Cathay Pacific and Swire Pacific, its parent company, plunged yesterday after the Hong Kong airline revealed worse than expected interim results. Cathay's net profits fell 46 per cent to HK$681 million (£59 million) for the six months to end-June compared with HK$1.26 billion for the first half of 1992. Cathay shares fell 40 cents to HK$10 while Swire shares dropped HK$1.25 to HK$37. The interim dividend is maintained at 10.5 cents.

Brewery safeguards jobs

HUNDREDS of jobs will be safeguarded as a result of a £39 million five-acre site brewery development by Scottish & Newcastle alongside its existing Newcastle upon Tyne brewery. Roy Summers, S&N group production director, said it would "place Tyne Brewery at the front edge of modern world brewing technology, while at the same time safeguard traditional brewing values". A £2.8 million department of trade and industry grant is being made towards the cost.

New-look Hemingway

HEMINGWAY Properties transformed its portfolio during the first half of the year. But the effect of the sale of Dorset House and two other office buildings for a total of £25 million and the acquisition of a £30 million portfolio from the Allied Lyons Pension fund, will not be felt until the second half. London office properties have been reduced from 90 per cent to 29 per cent. Interim pre-tax losses rose from £300,000 to £600,000 and included £110,000 compensation to former directors.

Cadbury targets Poland

CADBURY Schweppes is to build a confectionery factory at Wroclaw, in Poland. The investment will total about £30 million. John Sunderland, managing director of Cadbury's confectionery division, said: "Poland is one of the four most advanced countries of the ex-Comecon bloc, with consistent economic policies and substantial growth prospects in confectionery, particularly chocolate." Construction of the plant is due to begin this year, and production in 1995.

Wilkes back in black

JAMES Wilkes, the engineering company, is back in the black, though underlying performance is little improved. Pre-tax profits for the six months to June were £1.1 million, against a £5.7 million loss last time, when results were depressed by provisions. Operating profits of continuing businesses fell this time from £2.7 million to £2 million. The interim dividend is 1.5p (3.25p) but Wilkes says a 3.5p final is likely. The shares rose 10p to 117p.

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Decision day for Taiwan BAe jet venture

The outcome of four days of make-or-break talks over the future of the £250 million British Aerospace joint venture with Taiwan to produce regional jets will be decided today.

BAe officials last night appeared confident that an agreement on the key question of leasing finance to support aircraft sales would be achieved. But reports from Taipei contained a wealth of contradictory signals.

Dassault of France and Fokker, now owned by Deutsche Aerospace, were said to be preparing to step into the breach.

Economic ministry officials were reported to have said that Taiwan's state-run Chiao-Tung bank might abandon efforts to corral a local funding consortium and look overseas for lease financing. Opposition MPs there said they would oppose the BAe joint venture.

During three days of talks, John Cahill, BAe's chairman, has supported Taiwan government efforts to persuade local bankers to fund leasing arrangements for aircraft to be produced by the Avro International Aerospace venture.

Under an agreement signed in January, the Taiwan Aerospace Corporation will pay BAe £120 million for a half share in Avro. The company would then establish a second production line in Taiwan for the RJ series of regional jets, based on the BAe146 "whispering jet," already assembled at Warton, Lancashire.

The deal is central to the Taiwan government ambitions to build a world-class aviation industry. Warplanes are are to be produced in association with Dassault.

Aegis blow

Aegis, the media buying specialist, is suffering from a fall in profits from its core French market where new laws governing advertising commissions have eroded its historically high return on sales. Gross income fell from £92 million to £80 million in the six months to June 30, but the company has raised the pre-tax line to £13 million from break-even the previous year. Continuing high levels of debt, which totalled approximately £66 million at the end of June, mean the company will not be paying a dividend this year. Tempus, page 27

Toyota skids

Group profits at Toyota Motor dropped 26 per cent last year as the high yen and sluggish sales in Japan reduced income. Net profits fell to 176.46 billion yen (£1.13 billion) from 237.84 billion yen, in the 12 months to the end of June. Group sales rose 0.5 per cent to 10,210 billion yen, but the actual number of vehicles sold fell 1 per cent to 4,466,216. Strong demand in South East Asia and Latin America failed to compensate for a 7.4 per cent drop in sales in Japan.

Back in black

Property Trust, the property group that raised £2.8 million in a rights issue and capital restructuring last year, is back in the black, with a pre-tax profit of £737,000 for the year to March 31, compared with losses of £7.9 million. Again, there is no dividend.

Daniels better

The interim dividend has again been passed at S Daniels, the food importer, in spite of a return to profits in the half-year to June. Pre-tax profit was £25,000, compared with a £105,000 loss last time. The company hopes to pay a final dividend.

WH Smith detects glimmer of recovery in high street

By Susan Gilchrist

STIRRINGS of recovery have finally been witnessed in the high street by WH Smith, which saw profits rise by 5 per cent, narrowly ahead of analysts' expectations. However, the results were marred by escalating losses at Do-It-All, the struggling DIY chain owned with Boots.

Pre-tax profits, excluding Do-It-All and Virgin Retail, its other joint venture, rose from £108.1 million to £113.8 million for the year to May 29 thanks to a "modest revival in consumer spending" and strict cost management.

Sales rose by 8.7 per cent to £2.3 billion during the year, with a particularly buoyant performance in the second half, which includes the Christmas trading period. Sales since December rose by 10 per cent and operating profit by 16 per cent, with strong gains in books, video and music sales. The loss of 800 jobs during the year delivered improvements in productivity across most of the group. Operating profit per FTE rose by 7.6 per cent, even after accounting for £3.5 million of redundancy costs. The dividend has been raised from 13.4p to 14.2p per share, an increase of 6 per cent.

After a fall in the first half, operating profit from the group's British retail operations, which include WH Smith, Our Price and Waterstone's bookshops, rose by 1.1 per cent in the full year, boosted by a strong recovery at the WH Smith chain. In spite of the addition of 138,000 square feet of selling space, like-for-like sales were ahead at each of the fascias, except for Our Price, which is undergoing a refit programme.

The star performer in Britain was the books division, which posted a 9 per cent rise in sales against a backdrop of a lacklustre market. Waterstone's, the group's specialist bookseller, performed particularly well, with a 19 per cent jump in sales. Group music sales from WH Smith Retail, Our Price and Virgin were also encouraging, with an 8.4 per cent rise in turnover in the second half. Sir Malcolm Field, group managing director, believes the combination of the three retail brands, which serve distinct sectors of the music market, are at the heart of the group's strong performance.

Operating profit at the group's American retail operations, which include its hotel and airport outlets, music stores and two new Waterstone's bookshops, jumped by 69.2 per cent. Sir Malcolm said WH Smith was one of the few British retailers which had made a success of retailing in America and that the region would provide a good opportunity for organic growth.

However, the success story stopped abruptly at the door of Do-It-All, where losses rose to £14.3 million, as it struggled in a difficult market against Ladbroke's Texas and Kingfisher's B&Q, its bigger rivals.

However, Sir Simon Hornby, WH Smith's chairman, remains committed to the chain. "There is no magic formula to bring a quick return to profitability," he said. "But the New Concept stores have done consistently better than the older stores and with our partners, Boots, we shall work to convert most of the chain to this formula." Nevertheless, WH Smith anticipates further losses in the coming year.

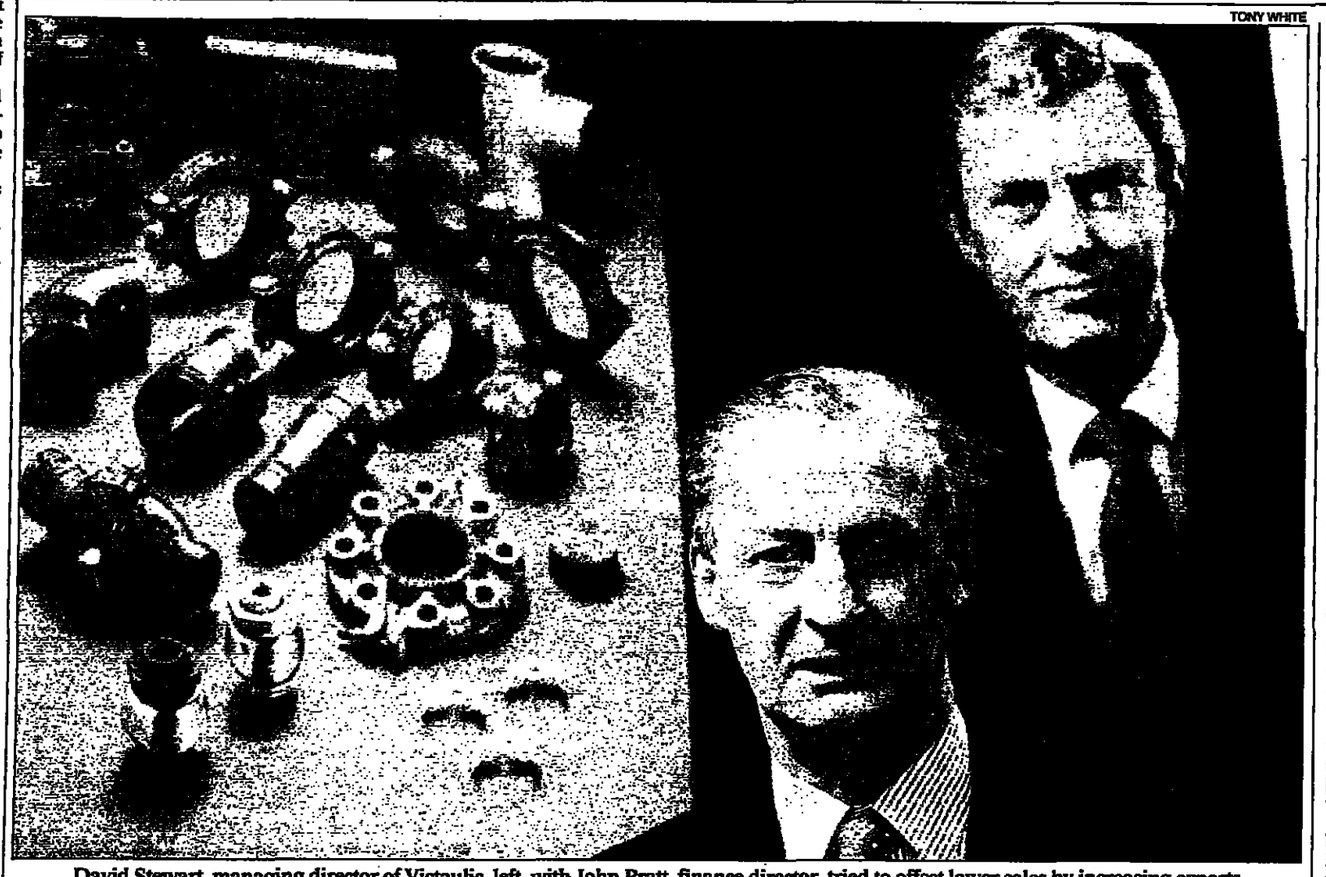
Elsewhere, the prospects in the current year are more encouraging, with the underlying improvement in demand witnessed in the second half continuing in June and July. Although tight management of costs would continue, Sir Simon said the group would put more emphasis on increasing sales.

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Sir Malcolm: US success

TONY WHITE



David Stewart, managing director of Victaulic, left, with John Pratt, finance director, tried to offset lower sales by increasing exports

Waterhouse to appeal against Ferruzzi action

By George Sivell, assistant business editor

PRICE Waterhouse will appeal against a move by Italian regulators to bar it as auditor of Ferruzzi Finanziaria, the Italian holding company.

Price Waterhouse said in London last night: "We do not agree they have any grounds not to reappoint us and will of course appeal." It added that Consob, the Italian bourse regulator, had not yet finished its enquiries and noted that an auditor's duty was to a company's shareholders.

Consob said it had barred Price Waterhouse as auditor to Ferruzzi, the foods-to-chemicals group that in June disclosed previously unknown losses in June, and was examining the firm's position at Montedison SpA, Ferruzzi's main operating company.

Consob said its enquiry was under way to "decide if there are grounds for revoking [Price Waterhouse's contract] with Montedison."

The auditors, who have been strongly criticised in the Italian press after the disclosure of the previously unknown losses, had been reconfirmed as company auditors for 1993-5 at a shareholders' meeting in June.

There are only two grounds on which the bourse authority could withhold approval. These are a conflict of interest or where the authority judges the auditor lacks the technical resources to do the job. Price Waterhouse has 60 days in which to appeal.

At the end of June, Ferruzzi Finanziaria said it was raising its 1992 loss to 1,670 billion lire (£700 million), from the L1,520 billion previously announced, as a result of a fresh shortfall discovered in the accounts of Montedison. Ferruzzi's creditor-appointed management has asked the courts to freeze assets of the Ferruzzi family and former executives.

Guido Rossi, Ferruzzi Finanziaria chairman, and Mediobanca, the bank in charge of an operation to cut debts of about L28,000 million, are due to present details of the plan to main creditor banks by September. But a court will rule by the end of this week whether or not Ferruzzi's Finanziaria's creditor appointed managers can seize up to L500 billion from the family and former executives to cover previously undisclosed losses.

Giuseppe Patrone, chairman of the court, said he expected a final decision this week. Ferruzzi family lawyers blame Raul Gardini, the former chairman, for L435 billion of losses. They say the family has been reduced to virtual poverty by the temporary ruling. According to them, the gap in the balance sheet was caused by Signor Gardini's unsuccessful soya dealings on the Chicago futures exchange in 1989. Signor Gardini shot himself in July hours before he was due to be arrested over the Enimont corruption scandal.

MB-Caradon pays RTZ £800m for bulk of Pillar

By Sarah Bagnall

One single corporate deal has given MB-Caradon businesses with annual sales of almost £1 billion at a price that does not dilute earnings

MB-CARADON, the buildings products and US cheque printing business, is buying the bulk of RTZ's Pillar businesses for £800 million, to form the second biggest building products company in the UK, after Redland.

The deal, agreed after six months of talks, is Britain's second biggest corporate deal this year after British Telecom's $4.3 billion investment in MCI, the telecommunications group, in June.

Most of the funding is through a one-for-four rights issue to raise £334 million and the deployment of Caradon's £331 million cash store, left over from April's disposal of its 25.3 per cent in Carnaud-Metalbox, the Anglo-French packaging concern, for £467 million. The balance is through bank borrowings, which will leave Caradon, the newly named enlarged group, with gearing of 24 per cent.

Shareholders are being offered new shares at 260p a share, a 16.6 per cent discount to Tuesday's closing price. The shares surged 30p to 342p, despite gains over the last week after speculation that a deal was imminent.

Peter Jansen, chief executive, said RTZ was approached 18 months ago but was not interested. After the sale of the CMB stake, talks resumed.

MB-Caradon is buying two-thirds of Pillar's businesses, leaving behind a loss-making rump. The businesses, run as 50 separate operations employing 15,000 people, made profits of £51.3 million in 1992 before £18 million of tax and reorganisation costs. Of a 1992 turnover of £981 million, 72 per cent was from building products and 12 per cent from automotive industry products. The deal "more than doubles our building products turnover," Mr Jansen said.

The acquisition expands MB-Caradon's list of branded products, bringing on board businesses such as MK Electric, the plug manufacturer, Friedland, the door bell and chimes maker, and Peachtree, the doors and wooden windows producer.

Robert Wilson, chief executive at RTZ, said the price "reflects fair value" for the businesses. RTZ, which intends to sell the remaining Pillar units, is incurring a £165 million exceptional loss on the deal as a result of writing back goodwill.

Mr Jansen said there would be some "fair value provisions" and restructuring of the operations.

The news came as MB-Caradon announced its results for the first six months of 1993. Operating profits rose 20 per cent to £51.2 million, of which 14 per cent reflected exchange-rate gains. Pre-tax profits of £152.8 million were distorted by £100 million from the sale of the CMB stake. The interim dividend rises 0.8p to 2.83p.

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Victaulic slips over British Gas uncertainty

UNCERTAINTIES surrounding the future of British Gas continue to affect results at Victaulic, the plastic pipeline maker. First-half pre-tax profits fell from £6.9 million to £5.8 million in the six months to end-June and no significant upturn is expected in the rest of the year.

However, relief that the interim dividend was being held at 2.5p helped the shares to add 5p to 301p.

David Winch, chairman, said although the company continued to improve efficiency and reduce costs and production "there has been some dilution of operating margins."

He said: "The decline in profits was due primarily to the reduction in demand from British Gas pending the outcome of the enquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission into the structure and ownership of the gas pipeline network.

"We still await decisions by the government on implementing the recommendations, which we hope will remove the uncertainty surrounding the future of the pipeline network.

"A resumption of investment in the network would clearly have benefits for the group, but we are not expecting an improvement in orders during 1993."

Victaulic tried to offset lower sales to the gas industry by increasing exports from £4.3 million to £7.6 million. Net cash of £3.3 million was generated in the first half.

Third night in hotel for Homes trial jury

By A Correspondent

MEMBERS of a jury considering verdicts in the trial of three former directors of the short-lived Homes Assured Corporation were sent to an hotel for a third night.

Anthony Dobson, 60, founder of the group set up to help council house tenants buy their own homes, denies fraudulent trading between November 1988 and August 1989. Michael Robinson, 42, HAC's former managing director, of Edith Terrace, Fulham, south-west London, and Keith Woodward, 56, of Blake Hall Road, Wanstead, east London, have also pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Mr Dobson, of Glebe Place, Chelsea, south-west London, also denies two charges of procuring the execution of a valuable security by deception, and Mr Woodward denies a charge of furnishing false information.

The Southwark Crown Court jury, sitting in an annexe of the Central Criminal Court, has heard evidence from more than 100 prosecution witnesses. The Crown has alleged that for nine months — almost half its life — Homes Assured traded while insolvent.

But the accused, none of whom gave or called any evidence, said through counsel that they had honestly believed further funds would be forthcoming and they were right to stay in business.

Hickson warns of subdued trading ahead

PETER TREWOR



Mirror images applied to Dennis Kerrison and a held dividend yesterday

By Colin Campbell

HICKSON International, the protection coatings and fine chemicals group, has given a warning that the second half to end-December will be subdued. The shares fell by 15p to 169p on the news.

Sir Gordon Jones, chairman, suggests there will be no improvement in trading conditions until next year.

Hickson, of which Dennis Kerrison is chief executive, yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £12 million (£14.4 million) for the six months to June 30, on a turnover of £198.5 million (£173.7 million). The interim dividend is held at 2.85p a share, but Sir Gordon says "so far as the rest of the year is concerned, I fear that I can still see no real signs of an increase in demand in our major markets". First-half results reflect the continuing recession in Continental Europe, where trading conditions have tended to worsen, he said, and the slower than anticipated recovery in the United States.

Hickson estimates that the impact of a fire at its Ringaskiddy plant in Ireland this month will affect profits by less than £1 million this year. The explosion and resultant fire took place at Hickson PharmaChem's CB2 plant. The company said that contrary to original reports, part of the CB2 unit is considered salvageable. The company has 18 months' insurance cover for both material damage and business interruption, and it is expected this will allow time to complete repairs and resume full production.

Hickson said the main CBI building is unaffected and it expects manufacture to begin again there before the end of August. It added that the PharmaChem site is modern. The company, therefore, does not expect to incur significant capital expenditure over and above the rebuilding programme.

However, during the next 18 to 24 months, insurance refunds in respect of this programme may lag expenditure, with some impact on the cash position, the company said.

The interest charge rose from £1 million to £3.4 million, though gearing at June 30 was in line with expectations at 54 per cent, Sir Gordon added.

COMMERZBANK

SUBSCRIPTION OFFER FOR PROFIT SHARING CERTIFICATES WITH WARRANTS ATTACHED

By virtue of the authority conferred upon it by the Annual General Meeting of the Company held on 27th May, 1992 the Board of Management has decided to issue DM. 800,000,000 nominal Profit Sharing Certificates with warrants attached ("Profit Sharing Certificates"). Attached to each Profit Sharing Certificate of a par value of DM. 1,000 are four warrants in bearer form. Two warrants entitle the holder thereof, subject to the terms and conditions of the warrants, to subscribe for one bearer share of Commerzbank at DM. 300 for DM. 50 share.

The Profit Sharing Certificates are being offered at an issue price of 110% per DM. 1,000 par value by way of rights at the rate of one DM. 1,000 nominal Profit Sharing Certificate for every 40 shares of DM. 50 nominal held.

The subscription right may be exercised from 1st January, 1994 until and including 15th December, 1997.

The holders of Profit Sharing Certificates will receive an annual distribution of 7.25% of the par value of the Profit Sharing Certificates. The Profit Sharing Certificates will be entitled to distribution as from 15th September, 1993 (i.e. 106/360 for the financial year 1993).

The Profit Sharing Certificates are being offered on the terms of the Company's announcement dated 26th August, 1993. Copies of the announcement with an English translation, are available on request at the office of the London Subscription Agents.

It is not intended to seek quotation for the Profit Sharing Certificates on the London Stock Exchange, however, the subscription rights can be traded under Rule 535.4 during the period 1st September, 1993 to 13th September, 1993 inclusive.

PROCEDURE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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and apply during the subscription period 1st September, 1993 to 15th September, 1993 inclusive, at the offices of the London Subscription Agents between 10.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. where lodgement forms are obtainable.

Holders of London Deposit Certificates which have not as yet been exchanged for DM. 50 shares in accordance with the notice published on 8th April, 1993, should contact S.G.Warburg & Co. Ltd. with regard to their rights entitlements.

Payment must be made in full on application.

Holders wishing to make payment in Sterling should agree the applicable rate of exchange with the London Subscription Agents.

Holders of rights entitlements may instruct the London Subscription Agents to buy or sell rights, on their behalf to round their entitlements but in order to do so their forms must be lodged with the London Subscription Agents by 3.00 p.m. 10th September, 1993.

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Pass the parcel by institutions sours Tate & Lyle shares

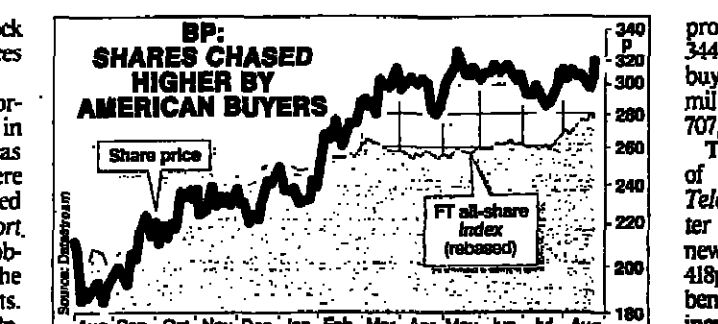
STOCK MARKET

CITY institutions appear to have lost some of their appetite for shares of **Tate & Lyle**, the Mr Cube sugar producer, with several large lumps of stock passing through the market place this week.

As the rest of the equity market was scaling new heights yesterday, the price of Tate & Lyle finished 1p lower at 393p, as 10 million shares changed hands. Several agency crosses were recorded at the 385p level, including a parcel of 3 million shares and another of 1½ million. The first parcel of 3 million shares was initially offered and then withdrawn, only to be reinstated later in the day. On Tuesday, another parcel of 2 million shares was unloaded at the 398p level. Brokers say the transactions are disturbing, and they are acutely aware that the Tate & Lyle share price is drifting lower each day to match the previous day's bargain.

Meanwhile, the rest of the market closed just below its best of the day as the FT-SE 100 Index resumed its recent strong run to end 29.9 points up at a record close of 3,079.2. Turnover was 731 million shares. Once again market-makers found themselves being squeezed as selective support combined with an absence of sellers and stock shortages to push prices sharply higher.

One of the best performances of the day was seen in **BP**, up 12p at 317½p, as almost 10 million shares were traded. Dealers reported strong overnight support from New York as the problems in Nigeria boosted the price of oil on world markets. **Enterprise** also climbed 12p, to 448p, **Hardy Oil** 7p to 164p, **Shell** 11p to 671p and **Lasmo** 3p to 145p.



Food retailers were marked lower ahead of a programme on *BBC Radio 4* last night in which Asda's Archie McNair claimed that the discount food retailers were making a much bigger impact on the supermarket chains than has been previously admitted. Discount stores such as **Kwik Save**, down 10p at 651p, Aldi and Netto, the German companies, and Costco from America, are increasing their market share. **Sainsbury** eased 1p to 504p, **Tesco** 1p to 226p and **Argyll** 3p to 345p. **Asda** hardened 1¾p to 66¼p.

Bank of Scotland jumped 8½p to 199½p in late trading as NatWest Securities increased its profit forecast and recommended the shares as a buy.

MB-Caradon, the building products group, surged 32p to 344p after confirming plans to buy Pillar from RTZ for £800 million. **RTZ** firmed 5p to 707p.

The Telegraph, publisher of *The Daily* and *Sunday Telegraph*, responded to better than expected trading news with a rise of 29p to 418p. First half pre-tax profits benefited from cover price increases and strong circulation figures.

News Corporation fell 5p to 415p, despite weighing in with sharply increased full year profits bolstered by an improved performance from its newspapers, magazines and television interests. **News International**, its seperately quoted offshoot and publisher of *The Times*, eased 2p to 257p.

WH Smith 'A' rose 17p to 472p and the 'B' shares 1½p to 93p after lifting full year pre-tax profits from £108.1 million to £113.8 million. This was achieved in spite of losses at Do-It-All, its joint venture with Boots, almost doubling. **Boots** finished 6p better at 486p. But the losses at Do-It-All did hurt the other big DIY retailers, with **Kingfisher**, which owns B&Q, losing 9p at 669p. **Ladbroke** fell 3p to 205p after a sell recomendation from UBS.

British Aerospace rose 4p to 442p awaiting further news about the £250 million joint venture with Taiwan Aerospace. The stock market's recent strength has also generated bumper unit trust sales, which is good news for the likes of **Perpetual**, 56p better at 778p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** attempted to recoup the previous days' losses as investors anxiously awaited today's Bundesbank meeting. Most of the action was seen on the futures market where the September series climbed £5/16 to £112 25/32 as 49,000 contracts were traded.

In shorts **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** firmed a couple of ticks to £112 31/32, while at the longer end **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** firmed three ticks to £116⅛.

MICHAEL CLARK

Lloyds gives up Bimec debts in return for stake

By Rodney Hobson

■ **Fundamental errors of stock and property valuation have been discovered at Bimec, which has plunged into loss and has a deficit of shareholders' funds**

LLOYDS Bank will end up with an 8 per cent stake in Bimec after the engineering group accompanied its annual results with a catalogue of woes that have brought it to the brink of folding.

Debts are being written off, subsidiaries sold and new overdraft facilities put in place as Bimec admits that it has plunged into loss and that shareholders' funds are in deficit. "Fundamental errors" of stock and property valuations have been discovered.

Lloyds has agreed to forgo a total of £8.5 million of debts in return for 10 million ordinary shares and 3 million preference shares. Bimec admits the preference shares will have "significant" rights over ordinary shareholders. They will pay 10 per cent a year plus 25 per cent on redemption, and Lloyds will have the right to call a meeting to consider putting Bimec into liquidation if they are not redeemed within five years. Bimec's board does not expect to meet the deadline.

However, it said the proposals are "the minimum necessary to enable the group to continue trading". The board added: "The directors have been advised that they can only continue trading on the basis of a refinancing of the magnitude now being proposed. Not only is this necessary to replace lost capital but it also offers the only opportunity for holders of ordinary shares to have any possibility of obtaining value from their investment."

Bimec lost £16.4 million in the year to March (£6 million profit). The dividend, 1.5p last time, is passed. The shares lost ¾p to 4¼p. They peaked at 86p two years ago.

The refinancing proposals depend on approval by Bimec shareholders at an extraordinary meeting to follow the annual meeting on September 20. They also assume that the aero and industrial technology division, plus two water and waste treatment businesses, are sold to EIS, the engineering group, for about £8 million, including a £2.9 million overdraft. These businesses had a combined loss of £3.2 million, including exceptional items of £2.7 million, in the last financial year.

If the refinancing and sales fall through, Bimec will ask Lloyds to appoint a receiver.

Roy Barber, a company doctor who took over as chairman and chief executive of Bimec from Sam Smith last September, said that fundamental errors were discovered towards the end of the financial year. These included the valuation of freehold property at Burnley, stock losses and incorrect accounting of long-term contracts.

He said that Bimec Benham Environmental Engineering continues to be a drain on resources and is being cut back as outstanding contracts are completed.



John Simpson, left, with director David Donnelly

Mayflower into top gear with profit rise

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

PLANS by Rover Group to introduce a new MG sports car in 1995 appear to be forging ahead. Mayflower Corporation, the automotive pressings and design specialist that will build the car, said it expects to invest about £24 million in facilities at Coventry for the project, codename PR3, by the end of next year.

Mayflower's pre-tax profit in the half-year to end-June was up by half at £2.37 million, and earnings per share, at 1.28p, rose from 1.17p. The interim dividend is 0.45p (0.4p).

The Mayflower management team lead by John Simpson, the chief executive, face a daunting task in integrating a spate of acquisitions and making sure new facilities both at Coventry and at the truck body plant in Ohio are completed on time, without serious hitches.

International Automotive Design, the leading Sussex vehicle designer acquired from receivers in May, is on course for a return to profitability, Mr Simpson said. But sales to Leyland, the Lancashire truck company rescued by its management from the Leyland DAF collapse, remain at low well down.

WALL STREET

Profit-takers slow Dow

New York — Shares were firm, but off their highs at midday as profit-taking tempered a follow-through of Tuesday's rally.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 13.3 points at 3,652.09, with advancing issues leading declining shares 11 to seven. Treasuries were mixed, with the long bond unchanged at 6.30 per cent.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended firmer, with the Nikkei average up 89.61 points to 20,521.45, with about 200 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index ended down 62.10 points at 7,265.58, affected by worse-than-expected profits from Cathay Pacific, weakness in property stocks and futures-linked trade.

☐ **Frankfurt** — The Dax index closed at 1,917.78, up 20.09 points. Volume was moderate as foreign players, sniffing a cut in interest rates, held off.

☐ **Singapore** — The Straits Times industrial index ended 21.22 points up at 1,976.09.

☐ **Sydney** — The all ordinaries closed 1.6 points lower at 1,922.6. *(Reuter)*

	Aug 25 midday	Aug 24 close
AMP Inc	64¼	64¼
AMR Corp	67¾	65¾
Abbott Labs	25¾	25¾
Aetna Life	58¾	58¾
Ahmanson (HF)	20	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	43¾	43¾
Albertson's	54¼	55¼
Alcan Aluminm	20¾	20¾
Alco Standard	46¾	45¾
Allied Signal	73¾	73¼
Alum Co of Am	76¾	75¾
Amax	25	24¾
Amerada Hess	52¾	51¾
Amer Brands	32¾	33
Amer Cyanamid	52¾	51¼
Amer El Power	38¾	38
Amer Express	32¾	32¾
Amer Genl Corp	34½	34¾
Amer Home Pr	62¾	63
Amer Intl	96¼	96¾
Amer Stores	46¾	47¼
Amer T & T	60¼	59¾
Ameritech	82¾	81¾
Amoco	58¾	57¾
Anheuser-Busch	47¾	47¼
Apple Computer	28	28
Archer Daniels	22¼	22¾
Arkla	9	8¾
Armco	7	6¾
Armstong Wrld	38	38
Asarco	19¼	19¼
Ashland Oil	31¾	31¼
Atl Richfield	115¾	113¾
Auto Data Pro	48¾	49
Avery Dennison	26¾	26¼
Avon Products	59¼	59¾
Baker Hughes	27¼	27¾
Baltim Gas & El	26¾	26¾
Banc One	53	52¾
BankAmerica	46¾	46¼
Bank of NY	54¾	54¼
Bankers Tr NY	79¾	79¾
Barnett Banks	46¼	46¼
Bausch & Lomb	46¾	46¾
Baxter Intl	26¾	25¾
Becn Dicknsn	37¾	37¾
Bell Atlantic	60	58¾
BellSouth	56¾	55¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¼
Block (H&R)	38¼	38¾
Boeing	39	39
Boise Cascade	21¾	21¾
Borden Inc	16¾	16¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	55¾	55¾
Browning Ferris	23¼	23¾
Burlington Nthn	54¾	55¾
CBS	251¼	249¼
CNA Financial	87	88
CPC Intl	44¾	44¼
CSX	78¾	77¼
Campbell Soup	38¼	38¼
Can Pacific	15¼	15¼
Cpd Cities ABC	502	498¾
Cpd Holdings	42¾	41¾
Carolina Pwr	33¾	33¾
Caterpillar	83	82¾
Central & SW	32¼	32¼
Champion Intl	33¼	33¼
Chase Manhat	34¼	34
Chemical Bk	40¾	40¾
Chevron Corp	91¾	91¼
Chrysler	42¾	42¾
Chubb Corp	90¾	89¾
Cigna Corp	63¾	62¼
Citicorp	33¾	33
Clorox	52	51¾
Coastal Corp	29¼	29¾
Coca Cola	43¾	44¾
Colgate-Palmolive	51¾	51¼
Columbia Gas	25¾	24¾
Commonw Ed	29¾	30
Compaq Comp	53¾	54¾
Comp Ass Intl	29¼	30¼
Conagra	24¼	24¾
Cons Edison	36¾	36¾
Cons Nat Gas	55¼	55
Cons Rail	55¼	55¾
Cooper Inds	52¼	52¾
Corning Inc	32¾	31¼
Crown Cork	36¾	36¼
Dana Corp	54¾	54¼
Dayton Hudson	68¾	68¼
Deere	75	74
Delta Air Lines	55¾	53¾
Deluxe Corp	36¼	36¾
Detroit Edison	35¼	35¼
Digital Equip	40¼	40
Dillard Dept St	38	37¼
Disney (Walt)	39¾	38¼
Dominion Res	46¼	46
Donelley (RR)	31¾	30¾
Dover Corp	51½	51
Dow Chemicals	60¾	60¼
Dow Jones	31¼	30¼
Dresser	22¼	23¼
Duke Power	42¼	42¾
Dun & Brdstreet	61	60¾
Du Pont	49¼	48¼
Eastman Kodak	61¼	61¾
Eaton Corp	47¼	47

	Aug 25 midday	Aug 24 close
Emerson Elec	60¾	60¾
Engelhard Corp	40¾	40¾
Enron Corp	36¼	35¾
Entergy Corp	38¼	38¼
Ethyl Corp	18¾	18
Exxon	66¾	65¼
FMC Corp	49	49
FPL Group	38¾	38¼
Federal Express	60¾	60
Fed Nat Mtge	82	81¼
First Chicago	46	45¾
First Interstate	61¼	60¾
First Union Rlty	11¾	11¼
Fleet Finl Grp	31¼	31¾
Fluor Corp	45¾	44¾
Ford Motor	52¾	51¼
GTE Corp	36	35¾
Gannett	51¾	50¾
Gap Inc Del	28¾	28¾
Gen Dynamics	95¼	95
Gen Electric	98¾	98¾
Gen Mills	61¾	61¾
Gen Motors	47¾	46¾
Gen Reinsurance	131¼	130¼
Gen Signal	31¼	31¾
Genuine Parts	37	36¾
Georgia Pac	63¼	63
Gillette	53¾	54¾
Glaxo ADR	17	17¼
Goodrich (BF)	48¾	48¾
Goodyear Tire	41¼	40¾
Grace (WR)	39¼	39¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28¾	29
Great Wstn Fin	17¾	17¾
Halliburton	40¾	41¾
Harcourt General	41¾	41¾
Heinz (HJ)	37¾	37½
Hercules	86¾	85¾
Hershey Foods	47¾	47¾
Hewlett Packard	76	75
Hilton Hotels	46¾	45¾
Home Depot	41¾	41¾
Homestake Mng	19¾	19¾
Honeywell	38¾	38¾
Household Intl	75¼	75¾
Houston Inds	46¾	45¾
Humana	12¾	12¾
ITT Corp	94¼	94¼
Illinois Tool	39¾	38¼
INCO	22	22
Ingersoll Rand	38	38½
Inland Steel	27¾	27¼
Intel Corp	63¾	63¾
IBM	43¾	43¾
Intl Flav & Fr	114¼	114¾
Intl Paper	67¾	68
James River Va	21¼	21¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39¼	40
K Mart	23¾	23¾
Kellogg	52¾	52¾
Kerr-McGee	55¾	55¾
Kimberly-Clark	49¾	48¾
Knight-Ridder	55¾	59¼
Lilly (Eli)	46¾	46¼
Limited Inc	22¾	22¾
LIN Brdcstng	120¾	119¾
Lincoln Nat	46¾	46¾
Litton	66¾	66¼
Liz Claiborne	23¾	23¾
Lockheed Corp	61¾	62¼
Louisiana Pac	35¾	35¼
MCI Commun	27¾	27¾
Marriott	28¼	28¾
Marsh & McLnn	90¾	90¾
Masco Corp	31	30¼
May Dept St	42¾	42¾
Maytag Corp	17¼	17¾
McCaw Cellular	55¾	55
McDonalds	54¼	54¼
McDonnell D	81¾	82¼
McGraw Hill	69	69¼
Mead Corp	46¼	45¾
Medtronic	64¼	65¾
Mellon Bk	57¼	56¼
Melville Corp	46¼	46¾
Merck Inc	32¼	32¾
Merrill Lynch	93¼	94¼
Minnesota Mine	107¾	107¾
Mobil Corp	77¼	76¾
Monsanto	64¼	64¼
Morgan (JP)	74¼	74¾
Motorola Inc	97	97¾
Natl Medical	11¼	11¼
Natl Semi	18¾	19¾
Natl Service Ind	25¼	25¼
Navistar Intl	24¼	24¾
NBD Bancorp	33¼	32¼
NY Times A	24¼	24¾
Newmont Mng	51	51¾
Niag Mohawk	24¾	24¼
Nike B	55¼	56¼
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	32¾	32¾
Norfolk Sthrn	69¼	68¾
Nthn State Pwr	46¾	46
Norwest Corp	27¾	27
Nynex Corp	89	88¾
Occidental Pet	21¼	21
Ohio Edison	25¾	25¾
Oracle Systems	56¼	56¾

	Aug 25 midday	Aug 24 close
Oryx Energy Co	23¼	23
Owens Corning	43¼	43
PNC Financial	30¾	30¾
PPG Industries	69	68¾
Paccar Inc	62¼	61¼
Pacificorp	19¾	19¾
Pac Enterprises	25¾	25¾
Pac Gas & Elect	36¾	36
Pac Telesis	53¾	52¼
Pall Corp	17¼	17¼
Panhandle East	27	26¾
Paramnt Comm	54	52¾
Parker Hannifin	34¼	34¾
Penney (JC)	45¼	45¾
Pennzoil	69	69¾
Pepsico	39¼	39¾
Pfizer	62¾	62¾
Phelps Dodge	47¾	47¾
Philadel Elec	32¾	32¼
Philip Morris	48	51¼
Phillips Pet	33¾	32¾
Pitney Bowes	42¾	41¾
Polaroid	37¼	37¾
Price Co	35¾	35¾
Primerica	57¾	56¾
Procter & Gmbl	48¾	48¼
Pub Serv E & G	35¾	35¾
Quaker Oats	67¼	68
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	39	37¾
Raytheon	64	63¼
Reebok Intl	23¾	24¼
Reynolds Metals	50¾	50¾
Roadway Srvcs	58¾	58¾
Rockwell Intl	36¾	36¾
Rohm & Haas	55¾	55¼
Royal Dutch	99¾	99¾
Rubbermaid	32¾	32¾
Safeco Corp	63¾	63¾
St Paul's Cos	90¼	89¼
Salomon Inc	49¾	49¾
Santa Fe Pac	18¾	18¼
Sara Lee Corp	26¾	26¼
Scecorp	24¾	24¾
Schering Plough	61¾	60¼
Schlumberger	66¼	66¾
Scott Paper	36	35¾
Seagram	27¼	27¾
Sears Roebuck	53	54
Shell Trans	60¾	60
Sherwin Wllms	33¾	33¼
Skyline Corp	18¾	18¾
Snap-On-Tools	43	42¾
Southern Co	44¼	44¼
Sthwestern Bell	42¾	42¾
Sprint Corp	36¼	36¾
Stanley Works	42¼	42¾
Sun Company	28	27¾
Suntrust	44¾	43¾
Supervalu	36¾	37¼
Syntex Corp	17¼	17¼
Sysco Corp	29¾	29¾
TRW Inc	64¼	64¼
Tandem Comp	8¼	9
Tandy Corp	29¼	29¾
Telecom Corp	3¼	3¾
Teledyne	24¾	24½
Temple Inland	43¾	42¾
Tenneco	53¼	52¾
Texaco	65¾	63
Texas Inst	83½	82¾
Texas Utilities	49¼	48¾
Textron	57¼	57¼
Time Warner	39¾	39¼
Times-Mirror	31¼	31¼
Timken	33¼	33¾
Torchmark	57¼	58
Toys R Us	36¼	35¾
Transamerica	59½	58¼
Travelers Corp	34¼	33¾
Tribune	51¼	50¼
Tyco Labs	44¼	44½
UAL Corp	149¾	146¼
UST Inc	28½	28¼
USX Marathon	20	19¼
Unilever NV	104¼	105¼
Union Camp	46¾	45¼
Union Carbide	18¾	18¼
Union Pacific	66¼	66¼
Unisys Corp	11	11
USAIR Group	16¼	15¾
USF&G Corp	18¼	18¼
US Life	42	41¾
US West	46	45¼
United Tech	57¾	57¼
Unocal Corp	29¼	28¾
Upjohn	27¼	27¼
VF Corp	46¼	46¼
WMX Tech	30¾	31
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No 005297 of 1993 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 18th August, 1993 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £2,000,000 to £852,824 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 18th August 1993 Dated this 26th day of August 1993 Allen & Overy, 9 Cheapside, London EC2V 6AD Solicitors for the above named Company

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 LAKE MISSION ENTERPRISES LIMITED T/A JLM BIOTECH NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD on the 3rd day of September 1993 at 10.30 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the Insolvency Act 1986. Creditors are only entitled to vote at the Meeting if a proof of debt, together with a proxy if required, has been lodged at 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD not later than noon on 2 September 1993. A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, for the two business days prior to the Meeting at Gibson Hewitt & Co, 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6SD Dated this 19th of August 1993 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD J MacLaren, Director

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 GRIFFSTOCK (CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS) LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 14th September 1993 at The Lion Hotel, Wyle Cop, Shrewsbury, SY1 1UY at 10.45 am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Eric Sheppard FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require DATED this 16th day of August 1993 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Neil Griffith, DIRECTOR

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Modest tax measures would solve the fiscal difficulties

A sharp easing of monetary policy would produce faster recovery and eliminate the PSBR problem

Anatole Kaletsky argues

Crisis — what crisis? James Callaghan's apocryphal words in October, 1976, when he handed over the running of the British economy to the International Monetary Fund, would be a fitting motto for the row over taxes and public spending that is threatening to tear the Conseravative party to pieces. Just as the fiscal "crisis" of 1976 — when the public sector borrowing requirement jumped to an astonishing 9.2 per cent of gross domestic product — was followed by three years of steady growth and rapid improvements in public sector finances, the present alarm about government borrowing is going to fade away.

Anyone who believes otherwise, or expects Kenneth Clarke to announce swingeing tax increases and highly unpopular spending cuts in a Budget, the main purpose of which will be to propel him into 10 Downing Street, is falling victim to the pre-Budget scaremongering. Undoubtedly, some painful measures will be announced to keep public spending within previously planned ceilings. Some taxes will probably rise. But after a season of horror stories about remorseless Treasury axemen and bloody internecine battles among the Tories, the modest Budget measures will come as a profound relief. The Budget will be hailed as economically ingenious and political sensitive — and Mr Clarke may not even have to wait until the European elections for the keys to Number 10.

Why do I say this with such assurance? Because the budgetary outlook for Britain is not at all bad, provided the economic recovery continues — and could actually be quite favourable if, as is likely, the pace of economic growth accelerates. Also because there appears to be a conspiracy of silence — or rather a conspiracy to confuse the public — on this issue. This conspiracy, just like the one over ERM membership, embraces most of the British establishment, and includes the leaders of all the main political parties.

I will not try to analyse the possible reasons that various political groups might have for exaggerating the scale of the fiscal problem. Suffice to say that Treasury mandarins and Chancellors always exaggerate the difficulty of doing their jobs, while the Tory right and the Labour opposition has obvious political reasons for stirring up trouble. More obscure are the motives of the Conservative party's "hard centre", where many of the calls for higher taxes have come from. In any case, the chances of any substantial fiscal tightening appear pretty remote, for one obvious reason: Norman Lamont did Mr Clarke the enormous favour of building a wedge of rapidly rising taxes into the budget outlook and taking all the political blame. Mr Lamont performed the same service for the Major government as the IMF did for Lord Callaghan. With the 1992 Budget out of the way and Mr Lamont cast out into the wilderness as a scapegoat, the outlook for the Major government today is comparable to the one faced by Labour in 1977.

Politically, this comparison might be discouraging, at least for Mr Major personally. But the reasons for fiscal optimism are well illustrated in the accompanying charts. These show projected trends in public borrowing and national indebtedness from now until the end of the decade. These charts are taken from an article published last week in the *National Institute Economic Review*. But I have added two crucial modifications: the bottom lines on each chart, showing the effects of slightly faster growth than the 2.1 per cent average assumed by the institute; and the horizontal lines, showing the long-term average levels of the PSBR and national debt ratios. These modifications explain why the optimistic tone of this article contrasts with what I wrote last autumn about the fiscal outlook. I then pointed out that Britain was heading for fiscal deficits even larger (when adjusted for changes in statistical definitions) than the ones that pushed Mr Callaghan into the arms of the IMF. Nine months ago, this seemed a shocking statement. Today, the comparison is accepted even by Treasury ministers.

But even though the gap between public spending and taxes is unprecedented, the inferences drawn must be treated with suspicion. For as the institute's figures show, the worst of the "fiscal crisis" is already past, just as it was in 1976. The figures make three significant points.

First, they extend beyond 1997-8 the projections made by the Treasury in the Budget Red Book. Since those projections show the PSBR declining steadily in relation to GDP, merely extending the forecasts by two years is enough to reduce the PSBR to GDP ratio from 3.75 per cent in 1997-8 to well below 3 per cent. The main significance of this 3 per cent mark is not that it is mentioned in the Maastricht treaty, but that it allows the government to stabilise the ratio of national debt to national income. It also happens to be close to the 2.9 per cent average PSBR ratio between 1970 and 1992.

The second important service the institute performs is to bolt on to the Treasury projections a more realistic assumption about future tax policy. Instead of assuming that there would be no further fiscal changes this decade beyond the ones announced in Mr Lamont's last budget, the institute builds in a modest further tax rise of £2.5 billion annually from next year on. This relatively small adjustment is enough to get the PSBR ratio below 3 per cent by 1997-8, and to stabilise the debt to GDP ratio at about 50 per cent, instead of the 55 per cent implied by the "unchanged policy" projections.

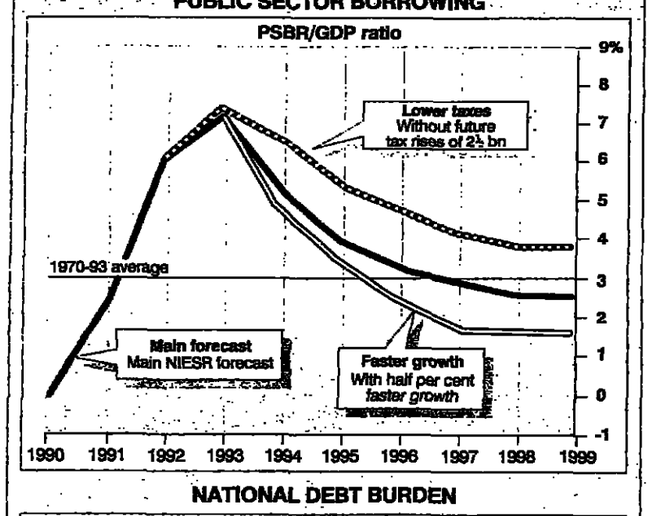
It may be argued that the need for a further tax increase of £2.5 billion, beyond the measures already announced by Mr Lamont, implies that present policy is indeed unsustainable. But the scale of the necessary adjustment hardly justifies talk of a fiscal crisis, or even Tory alarm about a political backlash. A sum like that could be raised fairly painlessly by a combination of almost invisible and uncontroversial measures. For example, non-indexation of income tax allowances for another year would raise nearly £1 billion in a full year. Removing some of the tax advanatages of pension funds and personal pension schemes could easily raise that much again.

The most attractive reform — continuing the gradual abolition of mortgage tax relief — would raise as much as £4 billion annually by the time the process was completed. Given the near-certainty of another cut in interest rates in the Budget, the loss of mortgage tax relief would not be too bitter a pill for homeowners to swallow.

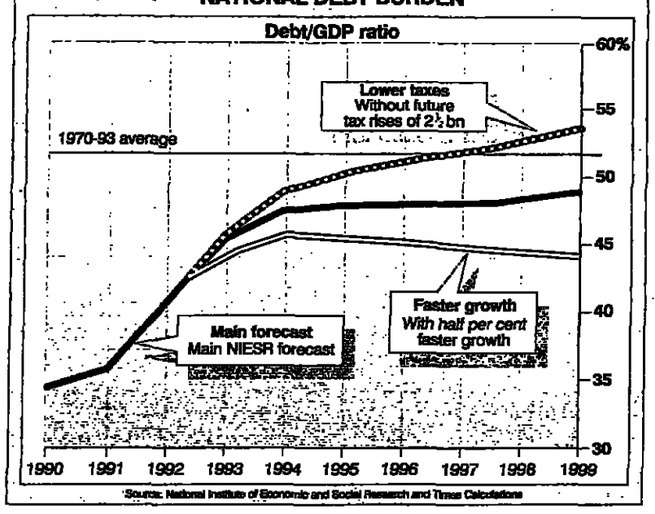
This leads to the third conclusion from the figures. The institute is very pessimistic about Britain's capacity for econmic growth — which it assumes will slow from 3 per cent next year to 2.4 per cent in 1995 and then to less than 2 per cent in the next four years. Unemployment, the institute assumes, will remain at 2.8 million throughout this decade. Yet, even this feeble convalescence would be enough to stabilise the fiscal position. If Britain could manage an economic performance in line with the 3.3 per cent growth rate in the first six years of the last economic recovery, the fiscal outlook would be transformed. If the Tories believe that their economic reforms in the 1980s did anything to improve the British economy's supply-side, such growth rates should be easily achievable, especially in the first few years of recovery. All that would be required to produce faster recovery — and thereby eliminate the PSBR problem completely — would be a further sharp easing of monetary policy to complement the higher taxes already built into Britain's economic picture by Mr Lamont. If he has any sense, Mr Clarke will oblige.

HARDLY A FISCAL NIGHTMARE

PUBLIC SECTOR BORROWING



NATIONAL DEBT BURDEN



Source: National Institute of Economic and Social Research and Times Calculations

TEMPUS

Pillar of strength

CONSIDERING the attention that MB-Caradon has attracted during its four-month shopping trip, it is a wonder that the group could find any acquisition at a price worth paying. The rise in the stock market has made public offers much more expensive and trade sales this size are a rarity. So Peter Jansen should be applauded for persuading RTZ to part with its Pillar businesses on an exit p/e ratio of less than 14 on likely current-year earnings. If Pillar was a quoted business it might be capitalised at twice the £800 million purchase price.

MB-Caradon will never squeeze the 14 per cent operating margin out of Pillar that it makes on its existing turnover, because of the competition in Pillar's American building products markets. But even if it achieves 10 per cent, 2.6 points higher than at present, the effect on profits will be dramatic. Considering the potential benefits of the deal, MB-Caradon is rather short-changing its shareholders by accompanying the acquisition with such a heavy rights issue, only two years after the last cash call. Pillar could have easily been financed with more debt, which would have left shareholders better geared to recovery in the building materials markets.

MB-Caradon must write off £320 million in goodwill in the deal, and the size of the rights issue suggests it will make an acquisition provision of at least £100 million — helping profits along further. These will both reduce net assets and increase gearing. But the rights still leaves MB-Caradon looking overcapitalised, which will spread the benefits of its well-timed expansion rather thinner than its supporters might have hoped.

The Telegraph

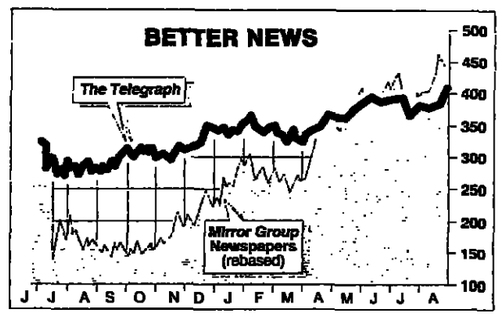
THE 60 per cent rise in interim pre-tax profits at The Telegraph went some way towards dispelling the market's doubts about the newspaper group's future. Yesterday's 8 per cent leap in the share price did a little to improve its dire performance since last year's flotation.

The results were not quite as impressive as the headline figures might suggest. After stripping out the £2.2 million cost of last year's float, the rise in operating profits was only 12 per cent.

The Telegraph's debts are growing at an alarming rate. The Southam acquisition and the increase in the Fairfax stake in the first half lifted borrowings 91 per cent to £140 million, and they are projected to reach £160 million by the year end, pushing gearing to more than 50 per cent. The strong cashflow from the *Daily Telegraph* on its own can support such borrowings for now but Fairfax and Southam will not contribute to that cash flow until Conrad Black can use his minority stakes in them to win outright control.

The Telegraph still trades on a 20 per cent discount to the media sector. This is understandable given the stand-off at Fairfax and Southam but hardly seems fair compared with the outstanding performance of Mirror Group shares, given the latter's tattered balance sheet and depleted pensions. The market will always prefer a tale of sure-footed domestic recovery to uncertain overseas investment.

BETTER NEWS



WH Smith

WH SMITH may be quick to dismiss the ever-increasing losses from Do-It-All, but others will be less willing to ignore the impact of the struggling DIY joint venture.

For a group that made a pre-tax profit of £114 million, a £14.3 million loss from a subsidiary is not critical. It is enough, however, to depress the share price, and certainly enough to damage Smith's retailing reputation. The group has long struggled to shake off the "safe but dull" tag, and the continued haemorrhaging at Do-It-All will hardly help.

Yesterday's results provided a glimmer of hope. Those stores that have adopted the new trading package have reported strong rises in sales, and even small gains in market share. Some are achieving £100 sales per square foot, a level at which the chain can be profitable.

If the new format is such a magic formula, it is curious that WH Smith and Boots are not rolling it out more rapidly. Only 53 of the 220 stores will be converted to the format by the end of next February, and the group will not be drawn on the rate of conversion thereafter. As the number three player in an intensely competitive market, Do-It-All does not have the luxury of such leisure.

Aegis Group

JUST as the recovery is beginning to make Britain a happier place for advertising agencies the Continent is growing tougher, which puts more pressure on debt-laden Aegis.

If that was not enough, the French legislature has dealt a serious blow to a market that accounts for over 27 per cent of group profits. The Loi Sapin has slashed the high commissions paid directly to agencies by French media companies out of the fees charged to the advertisers. Now, commissions must be disclosed and billed by the agencies to the clients rather than wrapped in the overall fee. The inevitable result has been a cut in the rates.

Aegis has responded by cutting its headcount from 1,850 to 1,700 and halving head office numbers to 45. But the loss of high earners such as Peter Scott, who was payed over £2 million for termination of his contract last year, will not help to restore dividend payments. Borrowings, which almost equal the company's stock market value, are taking their toll.

France

EDOUARD Balladur is indulging a curious game of doublespeak in his attempt to forge a coherent French economic policy following the failure of the exchange-rate mechanism.

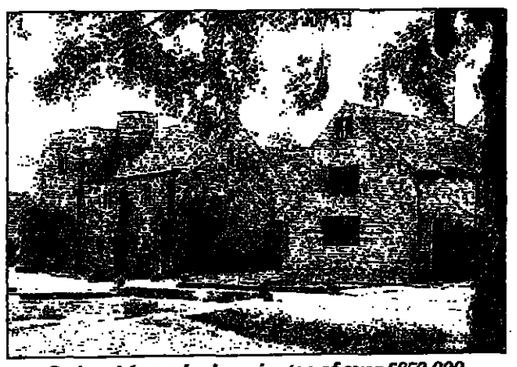
He insists that a sharp fall in French interest rates would stoke inflation, and says he is determined to move to stage two of European economic and monetary union next January. But M Balladur is meanwhile introducing tax breaks and preparing a Fr17 billion tax cut for next year to stimulate the French economy. That is likely to stoke inflation far more than any rate cut and make progress toward monetary union look difficult.

The equity markets ignore this political manoeuvring and count the days to the next rate cut.

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Du Cann nears estate sale

SIR Edward du Cann, the former Tory party chairman who has been bedeviled by a string of financial woes, is now facing the loss of his treasured country estate. Contracts have quietly been exchanged on Cothay Manor, near Wellington, Somerset, a matter of months after Sir Edward was obliged to put it up for sale with a price tag of more than £850,000. The Salisbury office of Savills, the estate agent handling the sale, confirmed the property was no longer on the market, but would make no further comment. Sir Edward, who is currently appealing against a bankruptcy order made against him earlier this year, now faces a tricky dilemma — where will he live? All but 38 acres of the 338-acre estate were repossessed last year, and his London flat went the same way in March. Sir Edward bought Cothay Manor for £200,000 in 1972 — a huge sum. In its day, it was the perfect retreat from the cares of Westminster.



Cothay Manor had a price-tag of over £850,000

Asprey dust-off

NAIM Attallah, irrepressible chief executive of Asprey, is trying to shake off the clocks-to-jewellery group's rather fogey image once and for all. He has teamed up with Tomasz Starzewski, the ladies' fashion designer, in a drive to convince the younger, more hip, generation that there is more to Garrard, Mappin & Webb, and other parts of the group than old clocks and dusty silver ornaments. "Tomasz's clients are politicians, royalty, the younger generation, the Sloane Rangers," he enthuses. "They don't come in to Asprey. Tomasz will broaden our customer base." Regular Starzewski clients like the Princess of Wales and Lady Thatcher may not be quite what Attallah has in mind, but he is on the right track. Asprey has injected about £120,000 into the designer's company in return for a 76 per cent stake. On more traditional ground, it is buying Ronald A. Lee Fine Arts, a Mayfair antique clock and furniture retailer. Attallah flies off to France tomorrow to recover from the excitement.

Beckwiths ahoy

THE exclusive Riverside Racquet Centre in Chiswick, west London, has been sold to its founders as part of a £10 million deal. Riverside, where fees in the first year top £2,400 and which counts Stefan Edberg and Pat Cash among its celebrity members, has been sold to Peter and John Beckwith, founders of London & Edinburgh Trust, the property company. They have also bought two City-based Espree clubs at Tower Hill and Blackfriars. The Beckwith brothers left LET in 1990 after it was bought by SPP, the Swedish mutual life insurance company, and have resurfaced with an ambitious plan to build a Europe-wide chain of health clubs. "Talks have been going on since March," says Tony Haslam, chief executive of the newly formed Riverside Holdings. "The idea is to float the company on the stock market in 18 months' time." The Beckwiths have secured a site for a new Riverside club in Northwood, north west London, and hope to open several more in the UK and on mainland Europe.

Tiny appearance

TINY Rowland, still fuming over Tom Bower's recent, unflattering biography, has popped up in the pages of yet another book. This time, however, he makes little more than a guest appearance, for the tome is a reference guide to the top 150 UK companies, of which Lonrho is but one. After a few barbs about how Rowland's disregard for City niceties alienated investors and threatened Lonrho's survival, the book focuses on other issues, including the *Observer*, noting that Lonrho's ownership of the newspaper "owed more to Mr Rowland's desire to have a vehicle for his views than to any business strategy". The author notes that the *Observer* has been sold but, curiously, makes no reference to the purchaser. For the guide's publisher is none other than *The Guardian*, which agreed to buy the 202-year old newspaper in April for £27 million, and is now engaged in a wave of sackings.

Govett loss

THE three best-known members of John Govett's futures and options team have left the investment house to set up on their own. Adam Parkin, James Palmer and Bob Dawkins resigned on Friday — much to the horror, no doubt of Kevin Pakenham, chief executive, who was unavailable for comment yesterday. Govett has been privately playing down the departures.

WOMEN have the edge on men when it comes to landing a new job. Most find work within four months, compared with five or more for men, and the reason is simple: they are better, says Stephen Johnson of The Coutts Consulting Group.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Seeking a stamp of approval

From Mr M. Henderson-Begg
Sir, The year 1994 sees two important anniversaries in the City of London and, indeed, for the nation as a whole. I refer to the tercentenary of the Bank of England, the world's second oldest central bank, which was founded in 1694, and the centenary of Tower Bridge, perhaps the capital's most familiar landmark in the eyes of both UK visitors and tourists alike, which was opened by the then Prince of Wales 100 years ago.

What a pity it is that, despite entreaties and requests at the highest level, the Post Office has declined to issue special commemorative postage stamps to mark either, or indeed both, of these significant events.

May I therefore, through your columns, ask that the Post Office might reconsider its decision, especially as it is even now not too late for a new stamp to be inserted into its programme, as it itself is doing this October by the substitution of a set of stamps celebrating Sherlock Holmes for one for the opening of the Channel tunnel, as originally planned.

Yours faithfully,
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66 Westbury Road,
New Malden,
Surrey.

SFA rules police potential conflict of interest

From Mr Geoffrey Turner
Sir, Angela McKay(August 23) comments: "In America front running is a criminal offence. In Britain it is sanctioned by The Securities and Futures Authority's rules."

The stark juxtaposition of the two sentences in the article may make readers think that there are no effective SFA rules to police the potential conflict of interests in this area arising from the introduction of dual capacity at the time of Big Bang. That is not the case.

A firm is prohibited from carrying out own account transactions in stock on which the firm intends to publish written research until customers have had reasonable opportunity to react to the research. There are some exceptions to this rule including where a firm believes on reasonable grounds that it needs to fulfil customers' orders which are likely to result from the publication and that its doing so will move the price of stock against its customers interests; or where the firm is market-maker in the stock concerned and where the transaction is effected by it in good faith in the normal course of market-making; or where the firm deals in order to fulfil unsolicited customers' orders. SFA members who make use of such permitted exceptions may be required to explain their conduct to SFA inspectors.

The market-maker's reported comment suggests that his firm's Chinese Wall policy of keeping information to be provided to customers away from the firm's traders falls well short of the required standard and is in breach of other SFA requirements.

Yours faithfully,
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Cottons Lane, SE1.

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Banks fail to back manufacturing

From Mr R. A. S. Gimson
Sir, Christopher Smith's letter (August 23) suggests that the chairman of Barclays Bank, having finally expressed concern about customer confidence and relations, should talk to small businesses. Some 18 months ago, he said that his bank did not see that it had any role to play in financing small businesses coming out of recession and needing additional working capital, through the traditional banking function of covering the gap between monies out to suppliers and monies in from customers.

He also stated that his bank was seeking to reduce its exposure in manufacturing industry, and to small businesses in particular. Some of us changed banks as a result, so he need not concern himself with our confidence or views on "relations".

As a shareholder, I judge a bank's performance on more than the share price, and it is very sad to see a bank that should be setting an example in encouraging sound growth in the manufacturing sector, to the benefit of the economy generally, offering free overdrafts to students. The level of write-offs in the last few years unfortunately bears sad testimony to their judgment. Something is clearly wrong when bank managers cease to be accepted for their reliability and shrewdness.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GIMSON,
Ness House, Sizewell,
Leiston, Suffolk.

Invested interest

From Mr Roy A. Grasmeder
Sir, Mr V. E. M. Boswell (August 19) is right when he says there will be no "consumer led recovery" from retired people. A greater proportion of the population are living on investment income. Their spending on "wants", not "needs", comes from their marginal income, which invariably is their investment income. With this reduced, less is available for spending on "wants", thus prolonging the recession. The UK recovered from previous recessions on the back of a narrow spread between investment and lending rates. Without a change in policy, the present "green shoots" may wither and die in the drought.

Yours faithfully,
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German Growth	68.60	73.07	+1.10	0.70
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Smlr Cos Acc	103.23	110.41	+0.28	1.35
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Amer Gth Acc	61.79	66.08	+0.37	...
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Growth	404.30	432.50†	+1.40	2.15
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Income Growth	401.00	426.60†	+1.90	3.62
-do- Acc	544.70	579.50	+2.40	3.62
Master Portfolio	10116.0	10489.0†	+25.00	2.02
-do- Acc	11785.0	12219.0	+29.00	2.02
Special Sits	92.70	98.62†	-0.66	2.11
-do- Acc	109.58	116.58	-0.78	2.11
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1308.0	1349.0	+4.00	4.05
-do- Acc	1543.0	1591.0	+4.00	4.05
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	199.20	212.30	+3.40	1.56
Capital	576.70	615.50	+2.40	2.21
Eurotrack 100	142.70	152.00	+1.60	1.36
Euro Gth	91.27	97.29	+1.19	0.87
Far East Growth	99.36	106.00	...	0.07
Global Bond	24.27	25.58†	+0.19	5.84
Hong Kong	86.04	91.83	+0.07	0.75
Income	551.30	588.40	+2.60	3.72
Intl Growth	78.10	83.35	+0.58	0.17
Japan Growth	296.10	316.00	-1.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.54	40.06	-0.32	...
Japan Index	86.00	91.78	-0.27	0.23
Nth American	456.70	487.40	+11.50	0.45
S pore Mly Gth	62.15	66.33	-0.73	...
The Footsie Fd	114.60	121.00	+0.90	2.55
Tiger Index	154.90	165.30	+0.80	0.59
Triple Index	113.20	120.80†	+0.40	2.08
UK Index	132.10	141.00†	+0.90	2.84
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	89.25	95.31	+1.39	1.05
European P folio	81.82	87.46	+1.23	0.98
Japanese P folio	71.29	75.82	-0.29	...
Pacific P folio	111.31	119.69	+0.31	1.08
Cazenove P folio	77.19	82.56†	+0.48	2.63
UK Income Gth	69.60	74.61	+0.43	4.58
Utility & Bond	54.83	55.99	...	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	618.22	619.95	...	4.81
Fixed Int	159.75	160.00	...	9.06
Deposit	5.65	...	5.77	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	613.51	621.79	...	4.81
-do- Acc	2436.6	2464.9	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	129.80	130.06	...	8.92
-do- Acc	177.10	177.45	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	67.46	71.07	...	2.13
Beckman Intl	88.13	93.06	+0.17	2.85
Friars Hse Inc	189.29	203.54	...	5.73
Friars Hse Cap	264.89	284.83†	...	2.56
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	153.80	163.63	-2.24	3.45
Equity Incom Acc	509.15	541.65	-7.45	3.45
Fixed & Convert	43.55	46.33	+0.06	6.12
Fixed & Conv Acc	116.71	124.16	+0.17	6.12
Monthly Income	51.45	54.73	+0.04	6.90
Preference	49.55	52.71	+0.05	6.43
Preference Acc	259.29	275.84	+0.29	6.43
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	127.37	135.50	+0.41	3.98
High Yield Acc	489.71	520.97	+1.60	3.98
Managed Fund	66.42	70.66	+0.65	3.14
Managed Fd Acc	81.12	86.30	+0.79	3.14
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	39.91	42.46	+0.12	1.45
Smaller Cos Acc	45.31	48.20	+0.13	1.45
UK & General	73.65	78.35	+0.21	2.36
UK & General Acc	89.38	95.09	+0.29	2.36
UK Growth	126.31	134.37	+0.33	1.80
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	168.46	179.21	+2.02	0.78
Far East Growth	115.70	123.09	-0.23	...
Global Bond	88.22	93.79	+0.11	5.09
Gold & Comm	61.87	65.82	-0.86	...
Japan Growth	127.25	135.37	-0.58	...
North America	155.52	165.45	+0.80	0.08
Oriental Growth	61.88	65.83	-0.04	0.22
W'wide Growth	62.27	66.60	+0.41	0.19
-do- Acc	64.96	69.48	+0.43	0.19
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.02	93.02	+0.01	5.15
Deposit Fund Acc	93.02	93.02	+0.01	5.15
Quilter Fund	130.22	138.53†	+0.48	2.35
Quilter Fund Acc	146.09	155.41	+0.53	2.35
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.38	68.49	-0.08	1.84
-do- Acc	72.57	77.21	-0.09	1.84
Income Fund 5	229.80	243.50	+1.10	3.87
-do- Acc	532.50	566.50	+2.60	3.87
Inv Portfolio	71.36	73.95†	+0.26	2.07
-do- Acc	81.32	84.27	+0.30	2.07
Smaller Cos	136.10	144.80	-0.20	1.15
-do- Acc	164.70	175.30	-0.20	1.15
High Inc P folio	65.26	67.63	-0.32	4.25
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	89.33	95.03	-0.04	0.83
Japanese Acc	67.13	71.41	-0.40	...
UK Balncd Inc	135.30	143.90†	+0.20	2.39
-do- Acc	159.60	169.80†	+0.20	2.39
UK Growth Acc	218.60	232.60	+0.30	1.93
UK High Inc	144.30	153.50	+0.50	5.77
-do- Acc	174.70	185.80	+0.60	5.77
N American Acc	116.90	124.40†	+1.80	0.31
European Acc	172.20	183.20	+2.00	0.38
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.18	65.94†	-0.03	6.68
-do- Acc	102.40	108.50†	-0.10	6.68
Intl Sp Sits Acc	50.88	54.13	-0.01	0.21
Environmntl Opp	76.01	80.86	+0.03	1.52
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	116.70	124.00	+1.80	0.40
UK Smlr Cos	221.00	234.80	+0.70	1.06
Eurofund	41.09	43.49	+0.49	0.92
Mngd Exempt	176.90	184.40	+1.20	2.85
Growth Inc	228.30	242.60†	+1.50	3.09
High Dist	155.90	165.60	+0.60	4.53
International	344.30	365.80†	+1.40	0.89
Intl Income	86.40	92.23	+0.87	2.82
Pacific	62.68	66.60	+0.36	0.45
Smllr Jap Cos	78.81	83.74	-0.21	...
Tokyo	221.30	235.10	-0.60	...
Japan Exempt	125.40	128.80	-6.60	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	637.40	654.90	-14.90	0.80
Equity Income	131.30	139.50	+0.80	3.58
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	153.40	162.30	+2.00	0.47
Financial	46.23	49.12	+0.31	2.44
Global Opps Inc	94.56	100.50	+0.30	1.00
-do- Acc	98.01	104.10	+0.20	1.00
Gold Gen Inc	53.05	56.37	+0.84	0.53
-do- Acc	101.80	108.20	+1.60	0.53
Japan General	172.30	183.10	-0.80	...
Preference	23.83	25.32	+0.12	7.18
Worldwide Cap	211.30	224.50†	+1.20	1.78
World Income	90.04	95.67	+0.90	3.11
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	188.30	200.30	...	0.85
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	113.51	119.48	+0.73	3.15
High Income	132.03	138.98	+0.76	4.38
Tst of Inv Tsts	166.08	174.82†	+1.02	2.08
Special Sits	89.81	94.54	+0.50	1.99
North American	110.30	116.10	+2.02	0.04
Far Eastern	267.35	281.42	+2.99	1.56
Intl Growth	105.04	110.57	+1.21	1.11
European	70.67	74.39	+0.97	1.81
Smaller Cos	71.71	75.48	+0.37	1.89
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	238.00	253.20	...	3.43
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	140.90	149.90	-0.10	...
High Income	27.65	29.10†	...	5.73
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	101.50	107.20†	+1.00	0.58
Far Eastern	147.50	158.20	...	...
High Income	23.99	25.55†	-0.02	10.00
Oseas Income	92.78	99.12	+0.45	3.04
UK Growth	102.40	109.50†	+0.50	0.86
UK Income	109.40	117.00	+0.30	2.82
US Smaller Cos	275.50	294.70	+2.00	...
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	51.61	54.76	+0.17	...
-do- Acc	51.61	54.76	+0.17	...
Am Smllr Co	456.80	488.50	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	466.70	499.00	-0.50	...
Capital	304.60	324.00	+1.10	1.52
-do- Acc	424.20	451.20	+1.50	1.52
Contl Smllr Cos	50.40	54.11	+0.13	0.93
-do- Acc	52.69	56.57	+0.14	0.93
Convertible	121.60	129.30	+0.70	5.57
-do- Acc	230.80	245.50	+1.30	5.57
Emg Mark	59.54	63.61	-0.14	...
-do- Acc	59.54	63.61	-0.14	...
European	103.60	110.60	+0.40	0.70
-do- Acc	108.00	115.30	+0.50	0.70
Extra Income	316.20	336.30	+1.30	3.65
-do- Acc	452.70	481.50	+1.80	3.65
Financial	117.90	126.00	+0.30	0.15
-do- Acc	123.40	131.90	+0.30	0.15
Gilt Gth Tst	67.83	69.94	-0.10	5.79
-do- Acc	87.65	90.37	-0.12	5.79
Health Fund Inc	120.60	128.80	+0.10	...
-do- Acc	120.60	128.80	+0.10	...
Income Tst	195.20	207.60	+1.10	3.22
-do- Acc	276.70	294.30	+1.60	3.22
Intl Growth	339.40	362.90	-0.80	...
-do- Acc	376.90	402.60	-0.80	...
Japan Gen	193.90	207.30	-1.00	...
-do- Acc	195.80	209.40	-1.00	...
Mngd P folio Inc	97.66	102.80	+0.20	0.80
-do- Acc	102.70	108.10	+0.20	0.80
Monthly Income	164.00	174.40	+0.60	3.58
Qrtly Inc	53.37	56.77	+0.15	5.42
-do- Acc	54.14	57.58	+0.16	5.42
Recovery	313.40	335.10	+0.40	0.36
-do- Acc	368.20	393.70	+0.50	0.36
UK Growth	49.95	53.39	+0.19	2.27
-do- Acc	49.95	53.39	+0.19	2.27
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	370.56	394.21	+0.65	2.60
-do- Acc	756.67	804.97	+1.33	2.60
Euro Gth Dist	117.16	124.64†	+1.13	0.63
-do- Acc	121.76	129.53†	+1.71	0.63
Fixed Int Dist	140.12	148.21	-0.17	5.88
-do- Acc	236.96	250.64	-0.28	5.88
Intl Gth Dist	83.17	88.48	+0.63	0.59
-do- Acc	86.34	91.85	+0.65	0.59
Nth Amer Dist	178.10	188.66†	+2.75	0.86
-do- Acc	194.11	205.62†	+3.01	0.86
Pac Basin Dist	266.08	283.06†	+0.67	0.02
-do- Acc	271.15	288.46†	+0.68	0.02
Stewardship Dist	318.61	338.95	+0.67	1.83
-do- Acc	379.90	404.15	+0.79	1.83
Stwd Inc Dist	67.80	72.13†	+0.22	3.07
-do- Acc	84.54	89.94†	+0.27	3.07
N Am Stwd Dist	102.83	109.39†	+0.84	...
-do- Acc	108.79	115.73†	+0.90	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	145.60	155.80	+0.20	...
European	457.40	486.90	-0.10	0.87
Far East General	246.00	263.10	-1.10	0.22
Germany	110.10	117.60	+0.80	0.39
Global Assets In	74.41	79.31	-0.26	2.04
Global Assets Ac	78.68	83.86	+0.27	1.99
Income Inc	137.70	147.30	+0.20	5.98
International	311.30	332.60	+0.30	0.84
Intl Income	82.40	87.56	+0.30	4.55
Japan General	400.40	425.70	-2.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	49.81	53.28	+0.27	5.58
UK Capital Inc	176.40	188.70†	+1.90	3.79
-do- Acc	304.50	325.70	+3.40	3.44
Uk Spec Sits	83.43	89.23	+0.50	1.42
US General	128.20	136.60	+0.40	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	138.30	147.70†	...	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.05	50.43†	+0.24	1.29
Cash Trust*	130.00	130.00†	+0.01	4.95
Pract Inv Inc	112.47	120.57	+0.30	3.81
-do- Acc	241.45	258.84	+0.65	3.81
UK Smaller Cos	112.27	120.40	+0.25	0.76
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.40	29.31	+0.02	7.95
High Inc	34.11	36.48†	+0.12	4.50
UK Equity Inc	137.20	146.74†	+0.57	3.70
Global Bond	30.52	31.63	+0.05	5.66
International Funds				
Gold Intl	93.16	99.90	+0.89	0.42
Frontier Markets	46.83	50.22	+0.06	0.12
Global Inc Gth	126.16	134.49	+0.50	1.78
UK Intl	125.50	134.22	-0.20	0.34
Overseas Funds				
American	135.12	144.25	+0.80	0.43
European	89.43	94.82	+0.99	0.91
Euro Sel Opps	108.35	115.29†	+0.73	0.63
American Emerg	90.34	96.88	+0.55	...
Hong Kong	119.69	128.35	-0.59	1.04
Japan	248.09	263.63†	-0.87	...
Pacific Growth	169.50	181.77	+0.34	0.36
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 5620				
Intl Growth	135.77	145.21	-0.89	0.32
American Gth	135.54	144.96	-0.31	...
European Gth	73.00	78.07	-0.76	0.61
Japan Gth	85.36	91.29	-0.32	...
Greater China	148.02	158.31†	-0.03	2.85
Pacific Strategy	134.74	144.10	+1.17	0.30
UK Prog Inc	80.43	84.63	-0.43	4.69
British Growth	50.94	53.83	+0.06	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.24	50.53	+0.11	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9660				
Cash	132.20	132.20	...	4.68
Gilt Fixed	128.60	136.40	-0.10	5.10
Growth Equity	314.50	335.90	+1.10	1.89
Guardhill	456.60	487.80†	+1.60	1.99
Income Trust	116.30	124.20	+0.30	3.30
International	169.40	180.90	-0.60	0.01
Japan Trust	133.50	142.60†	-0.70	...
Nth American	267.20	285.40	+2.90	0.36
Pacific	407.50	435.30	+0.90	...
European	382.60	408.70	+1.20	0.16
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH5 1EW 0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	37.29	39.53†	+0.20	1.46
-do- Acc	39.30	41.66	+0.20	1.46
Inc Adv Inc	31.23	33.11	+0.10	3.75
-do- Acc	32.76	34.73	+0.10	3.75
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	82.58	88.46	+1.05	0.93
Equity Income	120.90	128.60†	+0.20	3.26
European	144.40	152.80	+1.50	0.88
Intl Situation	79.59	84.67	+0.38	...
Japanese	148.50	157.60	-0.70	...
North American	99.21	105.30	+1.20	0.08
Scandinavian	129.10	136.40†	-0.60	...
Smaller Cos	32.04	34.09	+0.06	1.88
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2197, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263290 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	95.30	101.86	+0.44	...
Asian Enterprise	139.99	149.70	+1.08	0.96
European	411.85	435.94	+3.54	0.70
European Inc	75.66	80.04†	+0.57	2.44
Euro Sml Co	129.16	137.64	+0.49	0.68
Extra Income	281.20	299.36	+0.59	4.39
Family of Funds	75.69	80.69†	+0.25	1.01
Global Bond	58.41	62.47	...	6.98
High Inc	316.33	338.15†	+1.08	3.67
Income Gth	256.53	273.20	+0.99	3.17
-do- Acc	663.57	708.70	+2.57	3.17
International	245.31	261.89	+1.97	0.69
Japan Spc Sit	257.83	274.44	-2.34	...
Japan	223.37	237.86†	-1.18	...
N Amer	226.33	241.19†	+1.33	0.07
Pacific Smllr Cos	210.57	224.01	+1.63	0.32
Pref Gilt	48.83	52.48†	+0.05	8.21
Smaller Cos Div	182.91	195.88†	+0.84	3.52
Special Sits	276.10	295.42†	+0.52	1.87
-do- Acc	427.65	457.58	+0.80	1.87
Best of British	59.96	64.12	+0.31	2.15
Henderson TR				
American Gth	85.63	91.58	+0.66	...
Euro Spec Sits	50.93	54.23	-0.08	0.87
-do- Acc	53.92	57.41	-0.09	0.87
Far East Opps	35.50	37.98	+0.03	0.57
-do- Acc	36.55	39.10	+0.04	0.57
General Growth	...	...	...	...
Global Tech	138.19	147.86	+0.91	...
Income Growth	109.31	116.90†	+0.40	3.46
Income Monthly	...	...	...	...
Japan Growth	87.74	93.60	-0.70	...
Overseas Gth	...	...	...	...
Smaller Cos	77.76	83.20	+0.25	1.67
Special Opps	114.25	122.84†	+1.23	1.04
Wld Spec Sits	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	92.44	98.86	+0.59	2.11
Capital	164.50	175.90†	+2.20	1.77
Dollar	328.70	351.50	+3.50	0.01
European	213.30	228.10	+1.50	0.96
Far East	258.20	276.10	-0.70	0.23
Financial	779.60	833.70	+4.90	1.81
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.31	28.37	...	7.39
High Yield	110.90	118.60	+0.20	4.13
Income	145.30	155.30	+0.70	3.07
Intl	228.00	243.80†	+0.70	0.17
Japan Tech	75.55	80.80	-1.10	...
Nat Resources	64.18	68.64	+0.30	0.42
Security	317.20	339.20	+2.00	1.81
Smaller Cos	121.30	129.70	+2.80	1.10
Special Sits	145.50	155.60	+0.10	1.52
US Smaller Cos	74.27	79.43	+0.63	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.07	28.94†	+0.13	1.22
Special Features	29.93	31.80	+0.07	1.84
-do- Acc	35.33	37.53	+0.06	1.84
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.95	60.86	+0.22	2.00
Assets Earnings	75.17	79.88†	+0.26	2.20
do Acc	89.71	95.31†	+0.57	2.19
Managed Invest	94.21	100.50	+0.30	1.10
Eurpet Children	80.14	85.43	+0.27	2.04
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.11	50.11†	...	4.41
Extra Inc	85.93	91.82†	+0.02	4.58
Gilt	29.12	30.85	-0.02	6.32
Income Gth	41.73	44.50	+0.11	3.40
MIMstar	80.29	82.04	-0.04	7.67
Preference	18.62	19.78†	+0.06	6.40
UK Income	332.70	355.20	+1.50	2.90
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	63.56	67.53	+0.30	1.19
Property Shares	70.95	76.38	+0.52	1.50
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	155.30	162.80	+0.10	3.97
European Acc	125.80	132.60	+1.00	1.47
European Dist	119.10	126.20	+0.90	1.47
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	50.42	53.66	+0.30	0.94
European Perf	127.10	135.10†	+1.30	0.66
-do- Acc	131.10	139.30†	+1.30	0.66
Euro Small Cos	23.46	24.96	+0.13	0.62
French Growth	73.32	76.98	+0.89	0.48
-do- Acc	77.26	82.23	+0.95	0.48
Hong K/China	72.92	77.47	-0.51	1.60
Intl Growth	55.41	58.87	+0.13	0.67
-do- Acc	55.41	58.87	+0.13	0.67
Japan Perf	36.38	38.65	-0.16	...
Accum Units	36.38	38.65	-0.16	...
Japan Smllr Cos	41.00	43.60	-0.17	...
Singapore Asean	92.57	98.35†	+1.41	0.31
-do- Acc	93.23	99.05†	+1.42	0.31
South East Asia	252.20	267.90	+1.00	0.64
US Smllr Cos	109.10	115.90	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	110.30	117.10	+0.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	89.39	95.32	+0.29	2.46
Intl Bond	59.03	59.93†	-0.04	5.59
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	70.10	70.45†	+0.01	4.81
Extra Income	55.89	59.46	-0.34	6.50
Gilt Yield	124.50	131.30	-0.10	6.88
Global Income	212.40	225.90†	+1.70	3.87
High Yield	144.10	153.30†	-1.00	5.44
Smllr Cos Div	53.37	56.78†	+0.12	3.46
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	95.10	101.20	+1.45	...
North American	79.76	84.85	+1.36	0.40
European	141.30	150.30	+0.80	1.49
Euro Special	83.33	88.65†	+0.50	1.41
General	278.70	296.90	+2.10	3.01
Japan	455.00	484.00	-2.70	...
Japanese Special	253.10	269.30	-2.50	...
Master Acc	232.90	247.80	-1.20	1.25
Pacific	292.70	311.40	-1.10	0.52
Smaller Cos	108.20	115.10	+4.14	1.47
UK Equity Gth	40.16	42.72†	-0.12	1.64
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5151				
European	80.12	85.23	+0.77	0.91
Extra Income	25.58	27.21	+0.06	3.32
Far East	29.34	31.21	-0.12	0.77
Income Gwth	76.23	81.09†	+0.25	2.60
Intl Growth	55.19	58.71	+0.38	0.64
Japan	69.51	73.95†	-0.25	...
Maximum Dist*	100.10	102.10†	+0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	39.77	42.31	-0.45	0.26
UK Equity	91.38	97.21	-0.67	2.81
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	55.10	58.62†	-0.39	4.26
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	456.10	485.20	+1.70	2.55
Equity Acc	865.80	921.10	+3.40	2.55
Equity Income	99.08	105.40†	+0.20	4.41
European	102.90	109.50†	+1.00	1.19
Far Eastern	199.70	212.40	-0.40	...
Fixed Interest	55.93	59.50	-0.04	5.87
Gilt	96.23	102.00	-0.10	6.03
Global Growth	72.59	77.22	+0.23	0.41
Intl Bond	57.26	60.91†	-0.13	4.86
Japanese	76.86	81.77	-0.67	...
Overseas Equity	104.10	110.70	+0.30	0.05
Pacific Gth	94.00	100.00	+0.37	0.42
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	334.00	355.40	+0.60	2.57
-do- Acc	733.50	780.40	+1.30	2.57
Contl Euro Gth	55.77	58.71	+0.75	1.05
-do- Acc	58.97	62.08	+0.79	1.05
Extra Inc	254.10	270.40	+0.60	3.74
-do- Acc	628.20	668.30	+1.30	3.74
German Gth	112.60	118.60	+1.50	0.08
-do- Acc	118.10	124.40	+1.60	0.08
Growth Port	516.30	549.30	+1.50	0.76
-do- Acc	516.30	549.30	+1.50	0.76
Income	483.90	514.80	-0.50	3.30
-do- Acc	1241.0	1321.0	+1.00	3.30
Income Port	513.10	545.90	+0.50	3.97
-do- Acc	520.70	554.00	+0.50	3.97
Japan Growth	106.40	113.20	-0.70	0.01
-do- Acc	106.70	113.60	-0.70	0.01
Master Trust	54.89	58.40	+0.19	1.15
-do- Acc	60.43	64.29	+0.20	1.15
N American Gen	192.30	204.60	+2.30	0.01
-do- Acc	222.10	236.30	+2.70	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	146.80	156.20	+4.00	0.01
-do- Acc	149.80	159.40	+4.00	0.01
Pacific Basin	220.40	234.50	+5.70	0.65
-do- Acc	233.00	247.90	+6.10	0.65
Small Cos Rec	334.10	351.70	+11.90	2.31
-do- Acc	435.10	458.00	+15.50	2.31
UK Growth	81.56	86.77	+0.19	2.13
-do- Acc	96.10	102.30	+0.30	2.13
Worldwide Gth	296.50	315.50	+1.90	0.13
-do- Acc	437.30	465.30	+3.00	0.13
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	82.52	88.54	+0.23	2.60
Income	66.55	71.41	+0.29	4.80
International	60.62	65.04	+0.35	0.70
American	61.61	66.10	+0.75	0.30
Japan	58.49	62.76†	-0.25	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	63.45	68.08	+0.35	1.60
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	397.20	420.00†	+4.90	0.87
-do- Acc	490.70	518.90	+6.00	0.87
American Rec	432.00	456.80	+3.30	0.21
-do- Acc	495.00	523.40	+3.80	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	127.60	134.90	+1.70	...
Australia Acc	176.00	186.10	+0.40	0.97
Capital	717.20	758.40†	+5.10	2.21
-do- Acc	801.00	847.10	+5.70	2.21
Commodity Acc	463.60	490.20	+4.30	0.80
Compnd Gth	889.20	940.40	+3.00	2.44
Dividend	38.90	41.10	+0.10	3.82
-do- Acc	154.00	162.90	+0.50	3.82
Equity Inc	324.00	342.60†	+0.80	4.31
European Div	63.50	67.20†	+0.40	3.77
-do- Acc	73.50	77.80	+0.40	3.77
European Gen	422.10	446.40	+5.10	0.84
-do- Acc	530.20	560.80	+6.40	0.84
Extra Yield	413.50	437.30	+1.80	4.01
-do- Acc	1209.0	1278.7	+5.40	4.01
Far Eastern	322.20	340.70†	+1.80	0.57
-do- Acc	425.10	449.50	+2.40	0.57
Fund of Inv	565.10	597.60	+1.70	1.89
-do- Acc	1030.8	1090.1	+3.20	1.89
General	58.20	61.50	+0.20	3.33
-do- Acc	155.50	164.60	+0.60	3.33
Gilt Fxd Int	65.59	65.67†	-0.08	7.13
do Acc	167.21	167.43	-0.20	7.13
Gold	59.40	62.80†	+0.40	0.68
-do- Acc	69.80	73.80	+0.40	0.68
High Inc	27.50	29.10	+0.10	4.04
-do- Acc	104.10	110.40	+0.40	4.04
Intl Growth	72.70	76.90†	+0.40	0.68
-do- Acc	125.90	133.20	+0.60	0.68
Intl Inc	98.90	104.60	+0.50	4.40
Japan Gen Acc	54.70	57.80	-0.30	...
Japan Smllr Cos	160.80	170.10	-0.60	...
Midland	60.70	64.20	+0.20	2.79
-do- Acc	194.30	205.60	+0.50	2.79
Recovery	39.60	41.90	+0.10	2.34
-do- Acc	63.00	66.70	+0.20	2.34
Second Gen	67.30	71.20	...	3.15
-do- Acc	166.70	176.50	...	3.15
Smaller Cos	64.30	68.00†	+0.20	2.79
-do- Acc	123.40	130.50	+0.30	2.79
Trustee	42.50	44.90	...	3.52
Charibond 3	‡116.75	... †	-0.20	9.24
Charifund 2	687.90	694.80†	+2.60	4.83
Pension ex 1	907.50	930.20	+3.30	3.96
NAACIF Inc 3	348.55	... †	...	7.11
-do- Acc 3	‡1198.1	...	-1.30	7.11
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
Inv Port Inc	145.30	155.40†	+0.32	1.89
-do- Acc	162.80	174.10†	+0.32	1.89
UK Income	122.10	130.60	+0.54	2.41
-do- Acc	138.00	147.60	+0.54	2.41
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	90.15	96.42	+0.88	0.42
Far East	145.40	154.40	-2.50	0.16
Income Growth	76.01	80.69†	+0.25	3.21
European	74.83	79.44	+0.52	1.09
Nth American	59.27	62.92	+1.22	0.42
UK Growth	82.69	87.78	+0.30	1.96
Intl Growth	101.60	107.90	+0.40	0.67
Charities	115.50	122.60†	+0.30	3.88
Intl Income	71.96	76.39	+0.36	4.91
Japan	57.58	61.13	-0.15	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	196.80	209.10	+3.20	...
-do- Acc	210.30	223.50	+3.50	...
Cash	100.50	100.50†	...	5.51
-do- Acc	130.60	130.60†	...	5.51
Emg Mkts Acc	97.65	105.00	+0.60	...
European Gth	210.90	223.60	+2.50	0.71
-do- Acc	226.80	240.40	+2.60	0.71
General	492.30	525.10	+2.00	2.30
-do- Acc	936.30	998.20	+3.80	2.30
Global Dist	134.30	141.20	+0.20	5.17
-do- Acc	150.30	158.00	+0.30	5.17
Income	147.90	157.60	+0.30	4.32
-do- Acc	219.60	234.00	+0.20	4.32
International	414.60	441.50	+2.50	0.63
-do- Acc	551.30	587.20	+3.40	0.63
Japan Acc	202.50	214.80	-1.10	...
New Europe	152.30	162.50	+1.00	1.60
-do- Acc	154.80	165.10	+1.00	1.60
Recovery	310.40	331.10	+0.50	2.71
-do- Acc	392.30	418.40	+0.70	2.71
European Inc	76.91	81.56†	+0.78	2.99
-do- Acc	99.63	105.60†	+1.00	2.99
Brit Blue Chip	76.31	81.25	+0.25	3.10
-do- Acc	90.00	95.83	+0.30	3.10
Portfolio	78.29	83.26	+0.37	2.72
-do- Acc	89.02	94.67	+0.42	2.72
Gold General	144.20	155.10†	+0.50	0.60
-do- Acc	147.50	158.60†	+0.60	0.60
Pacific	98.33	104.90†	-0.20	0.80
-do- Acc	104.60	111.60†	-0.20	0.80
UK Smaller Cos	55.40	59.09	-0.94	1.84
-do- Acc	61.82	65.94	-1.06	1.84
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
182 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	59.75	63.90	+0.12	2.55
-do- Acc	60.66	64.88	+0.12	2.55
British Dist	80.79	86.41	+0.90	2.00
-do- Acc	91.46	97.82	+1.03	2.00
European Gth	187.30	200.30	+2.50	0.02
-do- Acc	235.20	251.50	+3.20	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.67	78.79	+0.19	5.41
-do- Acc	131.70	140.90	+0.30	5.41
FT-SE 100 Index	50.96	54.50	+0.23	2.55
-do- Acc	51.72	55.32	+0.24	2.55
Gilt Fixed Int	58.65	61.05	-0.01	6.49
-do- Acc	156.50	163.00	...	6.49
High Yield	234.80	251.10	+0.70	4.39
-do- Acc	551.30	589.60	+1.80	4.39
Income	294.90	315.40†	+1.20	3.08
-do- Acc	623.50	666.80	+2.50	3.08
Japan Gth	370.10	395.80	-2.90	...
-do- Acc	390.70	417.90	-3.00	...
Mandarin Acc	107.10	114.50	+1.10	0.78
North American	168.30	180.00	+0.70	0.51
-do- Acc	212.40	227.20	+2.20	0.51
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	279.70	297.70†	+5.10	...
Deposit Inc	100.05	100.05†	+0.01	5.05
Deposit Acc	123.53	123.53†	+0.01	5.05
Euro Gth Acc	314.60	335.60	-1.50	...
Europa	136.60	146.40†	-0.30	...
Intl Gth	180.30	192.60	+1.00	...
Japan Tracker	82.65	87.51	-0.37	...
UK Equity Inc	162.70	175.10	+0.40	3.78
-do- Acc	199.50	214.70	+0.50	3.78
UK Ind Tracker	150.70	161.30†	+0.50	2.99
US Eq Ind Trkr	196.50	208.40	+2.60	1.41
-do- Acc	207.90	220.50	+2.80	1.41
Asian Trader	171.90	186.30	+0.10	0.44
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	172.80	176.80†	+2.20	1.78
European	65.65	67.08	+0.90	1.48
Olympiad	59.80	61.45†	-0.05	0.34
Global Bond	48.58	49.12†	+0.17	6.16
Smaller Cos	71.15	74.38	+0.13	1.21
Equity Income	97.26	100.40	+0.71	4.93
UK Growth	87.79	90.61	+0.25	1.68
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Bilson Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	48.54	51.77	+0.62	1.11
Australian Acc	326.40	350.20	-3.00	...
Conscience	66.00	70.43	+1.31	1.27
-do- Acc	71.24	76.02	+1.41	1.27
European	180.50	192	+1.60	1.08
-do- Acc	194.10	208.40	+1.60	1.08
Extra Income	76.40	81.53	-0.28	5.45
-do- Acc	117.30	125.10	+0.50	5.45
Far East Gth	176.90	189	+0.60	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.10	63.42†	-0.01	6.24
Gold	53.53	57.55	+0.68	...
-do- Acc	57.65	61.98	+0.74	...
Income	55.53	59.23	+0.19	4.76
-do- Acc	170	181.30	+0.70	4.76
International	31.26	33.54	+0.12	0.66
-do- Acc	44.91	48.18	+0.17	0.66
Jap Sm Cos Acc	367	391.40	-1.90	...
S pore Mly Acc	219.30	235.10	+7.60	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.30	28.27	+0.04	0.80
Special Sits	34.25	36.82	+0.15	1.66
-do- Acc	39.45	42.41	+0.17	1.66
Tokyo	91.39	97.48	-0.82	...
-do- Acc	92.31	98.46	-0.83	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	70.34	74.84†	+0.35	2.61
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	77.94	82.48†	-0.03	5.70
N&P Higher Inc	214.40	228.10	+0.50	4.26
N&P UK Income	108.10	115.10	+0.20	3.56
N&P Intl	91.73	97.59	-0.91	1.66
N&P Smaller Cos	74.77	79.55	+0.15	1.69
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR 071 407 4404				
General	175.03	186.23†	-0.01	2.02
Global	313.20	333.20	-0.68	3.06
Growth	115.07	122.42	+0.09	1.93
Income	215.37	229.12†	+0.39	3.70
Intl Bond	136.42	144.82	+0.04	6.76
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 580, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	145.30	152.00	+0.30	2.45
-do- Acc	257.50	271.00	+0.60	2.45
Income	234.50	249.50	+0.90	3.30
Intl Equity	237.00	252.10	+1.60	0.77
-do- Acc	259.40	275.90	+1.60	0.77
Equity	228.70	243.30	+0.60	2.34
-do- Acc	468.90	498.70	+1.30	2.34
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.89	78.60	+0.23	1.87
UK Income	64.12	68.21†	+0.16	2.90
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.19	86.36	+0.10	1.37
New Europe Acc	65.92	70.12	+0.88	1.01
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	102.19	109.30	+1.38	0.01
PEP Growth	109.00	116.58	+1.26	1.22
Intl Gth	531.02	567.94	+6.49	0.38
Income	334.34	357.59	+1.61	3.03
W wide Recov	338.77	362.33	+7.04	0.19
American Gth	222.32	237.78	+5.14	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	203.42	217.57	+2.29	0.10
Far East Gth	241.49	258.28	+1.41	0.01
European Gth	126.58	135.38	+1.63	0.93
UK Growth	83.97	89.81	+0.38	2.61
High Income	90.75	97.06†	+0.52	4.25
Japanese Gth	232.57	247.27	+0.64	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	186.80	198.70	+1.30	0.65
High Income	118.50	126.00	+0.20	3.39
Conv Gilt	116.40	123.90†	+0.70	5.53
Far East	335.20	356.60	-0.60	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.73	35.89	+0.14	4.76
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	52.30	55.64†	+0.29	0.20
Emerging Mkts	70.59	75.10†	+0.11	0.51
General	50.33	53.54	+0.19	3.00
International	89.62	95.34	-0.48	1.26
Gilt Units	27.30	28.14†	-0.01	7.07
Global PEP	37.86	40.28	+0.59	1.92
Income Gth	69.91	74.37†	+0.31	4.40
European	47.20	50.21	+0.50	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.19	28.93	-0.01	5.40
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	33.14	35.44	+0.09	1.59
Pru Csh Rvn Inc	100.98	101.48†	+0.02	4.65
-do- Acc	106.16	106.68†	+0.03	4.65
Pru Equity	695.38	743.72	+2.36	2.40
Pru Equity Inc	85.21	91.13†	+1.34	4.30
Pru European	188.95	202.08	+1.53	0.94
Pru Global Gth	83.71	89.53†	+0.32	1.21
Pru High Inc	91.32	97.66†	+0.35	4.40
Pru Intl	170.45	182.29†	+0.32	1.02
Pru Intl Sm Co	73.39	78.49	+0.33	0.59
Pru Japanese	213.24	228.06	-1.73	...
Pru Nth Amer	150.59	161.05	+0.89	0.76
Pru Pacific Mkt	82.49	88.21†	+0.02	1.11
Pru Premr Inc	51.96	54.09†	-0.02	5.00
Pru Smllr Cos	85.78	91.74	+0.29	2.18
Pru Spec Sits	103.32	110.50†	+0.50	2.27
Pru UK Grwth	114.86	122.84†	+0.41	2.34
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 2981/4				
FA Income	165.02	176.27	+0.19	3.41
FA Japan	292.32	310.96	-0.39	...
FA Maj UK Cos	96.83	103.41	+0.03	2.43
FA America Inc	517.86	551.61†	+5.81	0.87
-do- Acc	603.46	642.79	+6.77	0.87
FA Smlr UK Cos	283.25	306.50	+0.29	1.51
FA European	272.46	288.87	+3.38	1.21
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	74.59	79.35	+0.82	3.56
Capital Units	152.40	162.10	-0.60	1.07
Commodity	113.80	121.10†	+1.40	1.01
European Gth	171.30	182.20	+1.50	1.07
Financial Sec	185.90	197.80	+1.10	1.28
High Return	224.40	238.70†	+0.40	3.52
High Yield	218.90	232.90	+0.50	3.83
Income Units	116.00	123.40†	+0.70	4.46
Investment	194.50	206.90	+0.00	1.20
Japan Gth	165.30	175.80	-0.60	...
Japan Smaller	193.00	205.30	-0.30	...
Masterfund	50.04	53.23	+0.23	0.85
Scotbits	270.70	288.00†	+1.50	1.43
Scotshares	265.90	282.90	+0.60	2.31
Scotyields	233.10	248.00†	+0.30	3.35
Select Intl	136.70	145.40	+0.50	0.39
Smaller Cos	242.00	257.40	+0.70	3.66
Special Situation	113.60	120.90	+0.20	0.66
UK Equity	234.20	249.10†	+0.30	2.77
US Growth	143.20	152.30	-2.20	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535 Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	246.01	261.65	+6.26	0.62
-do- Acc	266.54	283.49	+6.79	0.62
Australian	139.17	148.44†	+2.12	0.72
-do- Acc	164.99	175.57	+2.51	0.72
UK Enterprise	231.98	247.44†	+1.71	2.18
-do- Acc	271.09	289.16	+2.00	2.18
European Gth	66.68	70.90	+0.67	1.27
-do- Acc	69.26	73.64	+0.70	1.27
Euro Smllr Cos	61.01	65.03	+0.31	0.42
-do- Acc	61.42	65.47	+0.31	0.42
Far Eastern Gth	77.40	82.55†	+0.45	...
-do- Acc	78.65	83.88	+0.45	...
Fixed Interest	56.75	59.81	-0.03	6.41
-do- Acc	68.91	72.63	-0.03	6.41
Gilt Income	109.76	115.69	-0.04	7.21
-do- Acc	153.30	161.57	-0.06	7.21
Income	346.80	369.92	+2.38	3.67
-do- Acc	1022.9	1091.1	+7.01	3.67
Japan Enterprise	72.26	77.07	-0.20	...
-do- Acc	72.26	77.07	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	506.37	540.12†	-1.74	...
-do- Acc	507.38	541.20	-1.74	...
Pacific Gth	102.54	109.37†	+0.98	0.24
-do- Acc	105.58	112.62	+1.01	0.24
Smaller Cos	201.84	215.29	+0.50	0.93
-do- Acc	233.44	249.00	+0.57	0.93
Tokyo	117.15	124.96	-0.33	...
-do- Acc	118.34	126.23	-0.34	...
UK Equity	225.73	240.77	+1.62	2.55
-do- Acc	423.77	452.03	+3.04	2.55
US Smllr Cos	145.45	155.14	+2.72	...
-do- Acc	145.45	155.14	+2.72	...
World Fd	75.13	80.13†	+0.42	1.36
-do- Acc	79.86	85.18	+0.45	1.36
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	49.33	52.54	+0.36	3.72
Equity Strategy	66.90	71.25	+0.23	0.84
European Opps	77.99	83.06	+1.12	3.22
Maximum Inc	97.96	100.49	+0.02	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	57.36	61.09	+0.18	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	364.40	389.20	+1.50	2.62
American	258.00	273.90	+2.20	0.77
Pacific	358.40	383.30	-1.60	0.50
European	482.20	515.70	+3.50	1.06
Worldwide	86.27	92.27	+0.15	0.94
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	317.70	338.00	+0.40	2.69
UK Sm Cos Eqty	219.70	233.80	-1.30	1.54
European	358.10	381.00	+4.60	1.54
North American	267.00	284.10	+4.20	0.57
Income Plus Inc	72.14	76.75	-0.12	3.54
UK Spec Sits	71.75	76.33	+0.36	2.49
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.24	29.16	+0.06	2.67
Intl Growth Acc	31.32	33.52	+0.18	0.93
Market Ldrs Acc	27.36	29.28	+0.01	2.75
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	1109.20	...	+1.00	...
Global Bond	1105.10	...	-0.30	7.14
Japan Samurai	1102.40	...	+0.40	...
UK Growth	1103.40	...	+0.40	3.83
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	47.06	50.01	+0.20	1.44
Equity Gth Acc	64.82	68.88	+0.10	1.03
UK Eq General	44.34	47.12	+0.10	2.03
-do- Acc	58.56	62.22	+0.20	2.03
European Acc	44.72	47.52	+0.50	0.91
Far East Acc	60.39	64.17	+0.10	0.09
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.96	34.86	-0.10	5.86
N American Acc	44.22	46.99	+0.70	0.79
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	298.00	323.40	+2.20	1.34
UK Eq High Inc	38.73	41.16	+0.10	3.48
-do- Acc	45.99	48.87	+0.10	3.48
UK Lgr Cos Inc	307.90	334.10	+0.60	3.58
UK Lgr Cos Acc	400.90	435.00	+0.70	3.58
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$3.71	NZ$3.94	-0.055	1.20
US Eq	$2.204	$2.341	+0.028	1.14
Far East Eq	Y244.8	Y260.1	-1.50	...
Japan Eq	Y248.7	Y264.1	-1.80	...
FT Europe	121.30	128.50	+0.70	2.03
FT North Am	$1.755	$1.865	+0.024	1.29
FT Japan	Y245.8	Y261.1	-4.20	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.015	$2.140	-0.004	1.43
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	351.00	374.60	+4.10	0.32
British	1010.7	1069.3	+3.50	3.80
European	414.30	441.10	+0.90	1.31
Japan	156.20	165.80	-1.50	...
New Pacific	319.90	340.70	-1.30	0.96
Mngd Cash	95.91	95.91†	+0.01	5.17
Majority Stlg	100.10	101.10†	+0.01	4.84
Inv Tst	207.50	220.00	+0.50	1.62
Saints PPP	403.80	425.00	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE				
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690389				
Equity Acc	780.40	834.70	+11.20	2.72
N America Acc	122.30	130.80	-1.70	0.09
Far East Acc	134.30	143.60	+1.40	0.37
W wide Bond	63.02	66.90	-0.03	5.30
European	90.50	96.79	+0.63	0.54
Equity Income	89.49	95.71	-0.38	3.65
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.72	37.14	+0.39	0.52
Managed Assets	125.48	134.21	+0.16	2.88
UK Income	39.29	42.03	+0.01	2.84
UK Growth	38.69	41.38	+0.03	2.10
Worldwide Gth	33.14	35.45†	-0.22	0.40
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	219.46	233.47†	+2.02	0.05
-do- Acc	241.71	257.14†	+2.22	0.05
British Gth	90.71	96.50	+0.41	1.84
-do- Acc	106.73	113.54	+0.48	1.84
European	105.02	111.73†	+0.88	0.87
-do- Acc	111.62	118.74†	+0.93	0.87
Extra Inc	197.13	209.71†	-0.86	3.96
-do- Acc	321.87	342.42†	-1.40	3.96
General Unit	278.01	295.76†	+1.13	2.33
-do- Acc	555.35	590.79†	+2.25	2.33
Income	345.40	367.45	+1.32	3.42
-do- Acc	717.78	763.60	+2.75	3.42
International	512.30	545.00	+1.37	0.29
-do- Acc	670.66	713.46	+1.80	0.29
Pacific	363.21	386.39	-4.05	...
-do- Acc	381.53	405.88	-4.26	...
Premier Income	54.01	56.26†	+0.12	6.68
-do- Acc	114.20	118.96†	+0.26	6.68
Nat Resources	145.48	154.77	+2.87	...
-do- Acc	159.67	169.86	+3.16	...
Selected Opps	102.33	108.87	+0.52	1.19
-do- Acc	128.12	136.29	+0.64	1.19
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Sml Cos	76.83	81.95	+1.78	...
-do- Acc	79.25	84.53	+1.86	...
European Opps	65.58	69.57	+0.58	0.42
-do- Acc	66.26	70.29	+0.59	0.42
Japan	94.63	100.93	-0.67	...
-do- Acc	94.63	100.93	-0.67	...
Little Dragons	80.83	86.21	+0.98	0.58
-do- Acc	83.21	88.75	+1.02	0.58
Oriental Income	46.63	49.73	-0.11	3.20
-do- Acc	59.45	63.41	-0.14	3.20
Tiger	224.38	239.33	+0.68	1.10
-do- Acc	235.73	251.44	+0.71	1.10
UK Small Cos	86.89	92.93	-0.01	1.71
-do- Acc	101.39	108.43	-0.01	1.71
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasn Gold	19.77	21.03	+0.07	0.50
Pacific Basin	34.29	36.47	+0.17	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.76	38.05	+0.05	...
Global Bond	$0.982	$1.023	+0.001	6.93
Penny Share	26.22	27.89	+0.26	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.20	53.21	+0.01	4.81
Gilt Growth	72.22	75.17	-0.23	...
Gilt Income	54.47	56.68	-0.05	7.25
Short Dtd Gilt	111.10	112.60	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.719	$0.729	+0.000	...
Challenger	99.17	101.50	-0.20	..
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	72.96	77.51	+0.01	1.78

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	20,000	Cadbury	1,100	MB Cardn	6,800	Scot Power	2,700
Abbey Natl	2,500	Carlton C	1,400	Marks Spr	3,000	Sears	4,600
Alld-Lyons	1,900	Coats Vyla	3,000	NFC	591	Svrn Trent	528
Anglian W	387	Cm Union	1,600	NatWst Bk	4,400	Shell Trans	4,100
Argyll Gp	4,800	Courtaulds	1,700	Nat Power	1,200	Siebe	984
Arjo Wiggn	4,500	De La Rue	312	Nth Wst W	352	SmKl Bch	2,300
AB Foods	158	Enterpr Oil	3,000	Nthrn Fds	1,500	Smith Nph	1,600
BAA	954	Forte	1,600	P & O	2,900	Std Chartd	1,800
BAT Inds	4,500	GRE	1,800	Pearson	2,300	Sun Allnce	1,800
BOC	396	GUS A	197	PowerGen	2,200	TI Gp	1,300
BP	9,900	Gen Acc	861	Prudential	3,400	TSB	1,700
BT	10,000	Gen Elec	2,500	RMC	478	Tate & Lyle	10,000
BTR	9,000	Glaxo	4,400	RTZ	3,000	Tesco	4,300
Bk of Scot	10,000	Granada	1,600	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	228
Barclays	8,100	Grand Met	4,000	Reckitt Col	739	Thrn EMI	1,900
Bass	1,600	Guinness	4,200	Redland	1,700	Tomkins	10,000
Blue Circle	3,900	HSBC	3,700	Reed Intl	262	Unilever	1,800
Boots	4,700	Hanson	13,000	Rentokil	1,200	Utd Bisc	1,800
Bowater	1,200	ICI	1,400	Reuters	764	Vodafone	9,700
Brit Aero	1,900	Inchcape	1,400	Rothmans	1,500	Warburg (SG)	78
Brit Airwys	2,100	Kingfisher	2,100	Ryl Ins	1,900	Wellcome	1,700
Brit Gas	8,200	Ladbroke	4,400	Ryl Bk Scot	2,600	Whitbd 'A'	1,000
Brit Steel	6,300	Land Secs	2,600	Sainsbury	2,700	Wlms Hld	2,100
Burmah C	294	Legal & Gn	626	Scot Hydro	383	Wolseley	980
Cable Wire	1,300	Lloyds Bk	2,400	Scot & New	769	Zeneca	2,400

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3652.93 (+13.97)
S&P Composite .... 461.34 (+1.57)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20521.45 (+89.61)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 7265.55 (-62.10)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 129.0 (+1.2)

Sydney: AO .... 1922.6 (-1.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1917.78 (+20.09)

FT 30 share: .... 2394.3 (+30.8)

Brussels:
General .... 6849.91 (+5.18)

Paris: CAC .... 586.65 (+6.88)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 577.20 (-2.30)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1527.58 (+13.14)
FT 500 .... 1650.02 (+14.69)
FT Gold Mines .... 197.0 (-2.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.96 (-0.01)
FT Govt Secs .... 101.63 (+0.12)
Bargains 31865
SEAQ Volume 731.8m
USM (Datastrm) .... 143.09 (-0.18)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 23	September 10	November 25	December 6

Call options were taken out on 25/8/93: Aminex, Aran Energy, Avesco, HP Bulmer, Chloride, City Of London, J Dickie, MB Caradon, Psion, SEP.
Puts: Herring Baker Harris, LIT Ord.
Puts & Calls: Arcon Intl Res, Babcock Intl, Psion.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	3073.0	3097.0	3070.0	3088.0	10488
Previous open interest: 55392	Dec 93	3093.0	3114.5	3093.0	3110.0	746
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.16	94.19	94.16	94.18	2897
Previous open interest: 368076	Dec 93	94.58	94.61	94.57	94.59	7265
	Mar 94	94.70	94.72	94.68	94.71	1902
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.74	96.75	96.74	96.75	251
Previous open interest: 13864	Dec 93	96.46	96.47	96.46	96.48	114
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.54	93.58	93.53	93.57	22028
Previous open interest: 668439	Dec 93	94.04	94.13	94.03	94.11	56667
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-20	113-00	112-20	112-25	51139
Previous open interest: 92480	Dec 93	112-07	112-21	112-07	112-13	18061
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	111.20	111.30	111.20	111.23	133
	Dec 93	110.50	110.68	110.45	110.55	2832
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	97.20	97.57	97.19	97.54	86229
Previous open interest: 183982	Dec 93	97.33	97.69	97.33	97.66	10336
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	100.43	100.63	100.42	100.62	4304
Previous open interest: 16294	Dec 93	100.71	100.71	100.71	100.76	1
Three month ECU	Sep 93	92.87	92.91	92.84	92.87	1191
Previous open interest: 32956	Dec 93	93.89	93.95	93.89	93.92	788
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.41	95.45	95.41	95.43	2086
Previous open interest: 51353	Dec 93	95.76	95.80	95.76	95.77	1396
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	112.44	113.53	112.42	113.40	40150
Previous open interest: 63290	Dec 93	112.25	113.25	112.25	113.11	6105

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.2 (day's range 80.2-81.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Aug 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8120-2.8337	2.8120-2.8155	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Brussels	52.75-53.40	52.75-52.95	18-24ds	42-52ds
Copenhagen	10.2180-10.3710	10.2180-10.2550	4¼-5½ds	10-11⅞ds
Dublin	1.0620-1.0670	1.0620-1.0640	7-12ds	17-26ds
Frankfurt	2.5030-2.5217	2.5082-2.5115	⅛-¼ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	254.05-256.65	254.45-255.23	113-126ds	310-346ds
Madrid	200.36-202.63	200.36-200.50	82-96ds	242-262ds
Milan	2371.0-2375.8	2371.2-2375.8	7-9ds	20-23ds
Montreal	1.9454-1.9721	1.9470-1.9499	0.26-0.17pr	0.51-0.33pr
New York	1.4805-1.4965	1.4820-1.4830	0.35-0.34pr	1.01-0.98pr
Oslo	10.837-10.955	10.837-10.875	⅜-1ds	⅞-1¼ds
Paris	8.6990-8.8030	8.6990-8.7210	1¼-1⅜ds	3¾-4ds
Stockholm	11.952-12.142	11.952-11.991	1⅞-2⅞ds	4⅞-5⅞ds
Tokyo	155.46-157.14	155.46-155.72	½-¾pr	1½-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.58-17.75	17.59-17.62	1-2ds	2½-4¼ds
Zurich	2.2000-2.2134	2.2025-2.2056	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4776-1.4801
Australia dollar	2.1992-2.2015
Bahrain dinar	0.5575-0.5695
Brazil cruzeiro *	130.79-132.98
Cyprus pound	0.7565-0.7665
Finland marka	8.6195-8.7355
Greece drachma	350.0-357.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.4599-11.4653
India rupee	46.57-47.53
Kuwait dinar KD	0.445-0.455
Malaysia ringgit	3.7690-3.7730
Mexico peso	4.58-4.68
New Zealand dollar	2.6514-2.6560
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.542-5.668
Singapore dollar	2.3795-2.3818
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8847-6.9338
S Africa rand (com)	4.9820-4.9876
U A E dirham	5.4355-5.5495

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4873-1.4889
Austria	11.90-11.91
Belgium (Com)	35.70-35.77
Canada	1.3140-1.3145
Denmark	6.9330-6.9430
France	5.8825-5.8840
Germany	1.6905-1.6915
Hong Kong	7.7500-7.7510
Ireland	1.3902-1.3922
Italy	1599.25-1600.25
Japan	105.02-105.12
Malaysia	2.5497-2.5507
Netherlands	1.9012-1.9017
Norway	7.3356-7.3375
Portugal	171.45-171.55
Singapore	1.6092-1.6102
Spain	135.2-135.4
Sweden	8.0894-8.0984
Switzerland	1.4865-1.4895

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 5 Week fixed: 5¾
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅜; 3 mth 5⅜. Sell: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth: 5¼.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅝	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	
Interbank:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾
Overnight: open 5⅝, close 5.					
Local Authority Deps:	5⅞	n/a	5⅞	5⅞	5¾
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5¾
Dollar CDs:	3.06-3.03	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.26-3.23	3.47-3.44
Building Society CDs:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Make-up day: July 30, 1993 Agreed rates Aug 25, 1993 to Sept 25, 1993 %. Schemes III: 7.26 %. Reference rate July 1, 1993 to July 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 6.009 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-3	3⅛-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅝	6⅞-6⅞	6⅞-6⅞	7-6
French Franc:	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	6⅞-6⅞	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	4⅞-4⅞	6⅞-4⅞	5-4
Yen:	3⅛-2⅞	3-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	2⅞-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $371.10-371.50 Close: $371.10-371.60 High: $372.80-373.30 Low: $370.00-370.50 Krugerrand: $370.00-373.00 (£249.50-251.50)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-89.00 (£57.00-59.00) New $86.00-89.00 (£57.00-59.00)
Platinum: $386.50 (£260.00) Silver: $4.70 (£3.17) Palladium: $128.75 (£86.60)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	600	36	49	58	11½	24½	27½
(*621½)	650	12	20	33½	36	51½	54
Argyll	330	28½	35½	42½	7	14	17½
(*346)	360	12	20½	27½	22	29½	33
ASDA	60	-	12	13	-	4	5½
(*66½)	70	-	6	8½	-	9	10
Boots	460	39½	48	57½	7	13½	18½
(*486)	500	15	25	34½	23	32	37
Br Airways	345	19½	30	-	14	24	-
(*347½)	360	13	22½	30	23½	32½	36½
BP	300	25	31	35½	4½	9½	13
(*317½)	330	5½	15½	20	19½	24½	27½
Br Steel	110	11	16½	20	5½	9½	12
(*114)	120	6	11½	15	11½	15½	17½
C & W	800	59	75½	92½	11½	24	30
(*840)	850	28	47½	63½	32½	46½	53
CU	600	-	49	55	-	18	29
(*615½)	650	-	23	28	-	46	57
ICI	681	36	55	-	17	27	-
(*696)	750	7½	22	31	61½	67½	81
Kingfishr	650	34½	54½	68	17½	27	30½
(*669)	700	9½	28½	41½	44½	53½	56½
Land Sec	650	38	51	63	10½	20½	26
(*677)	700	12	26	37½	36	47	51½
M & S	360	17	24½	32½	10½	16½	19½
(*365)	390	4½	11½	19	28	33½	36
Nat West	460	47	58½	62½	4½	11½	17
(*494½)	500	19½	33½	38	18½	27	35
Sainsbury	500	25½	37	48	15½	25½	30
(*504)	550	6	16	25	49	55	59
Shell	650	26	41	46½	13	20	30
(*671)	700	5½	16½	23½	45½	50	58½
Smkl Bch	420	41½	53	61½	7½	17	21½
(*447)	460	18	31	41	25½	35½	40
Storehse	220	14½	20½	25	7½	13	15½
(*224)	240	5½	11½	15½	19½	24½	27
Trafalgar	101	14	-	-	3½	-	-
(*110½)	110	8	12	15	5½	12	14
Unilever	1050	58	74	89	16½	31	44
(*1078½)	1100	28½	48	-	39	55	68
Zeneca	650	68½	79	86	3	15	25½
(*713)	700	32	48	55½	25½	35	48½
Series		**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	420	50	60	66½	3	11½	15
(*462)	460	21	35	42½	14½	27	31
Ladbroke	200	14½	21½	24	11	16½	22½
(*205½)	220	5½	12	15½	24½	29	35
Utd Bisc	360	33	43½	46½	9	18	25½
(*381)	390	15	27½	31	24½	33	41½

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	750	69½	74	90	9½	16	21½
(*798½)	800	35½	44	58½	27½	36	42
Thames W	500	52	54	62	5	8½	11
(*541)	550	18	23½	32	25½	29	32
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	475	29½	42½	-	14½	21	-
(*479)	500	16½	28½	32½	28	33½	42½
BTR	390	19	29	32	12½	18	22½
(*396½)	420	6½	15	18	32	35½	39
Br Aero	420	52½	69	77½	26	36½	46
(*443½)	460	33	50	59	46½	58	67
Br Telcm	420	23½	28	35½	12	19	22
(*424½)	460	7	11½	17½	38	43½	45½
Cadbury	460	33½	45	49	11½	16½	24
(*480½)	500	13½	24½	28½	32½	37	45½
Guinness	500	34½	47½	56½	14½	21½	29½
(*520)	550	12	23	31½	44	49½	56½
GEC	330	33	39	44½	4	8½	11
(*353½)	360	14	21	26½	16	21	23½
Hanson	240	23	27	28	4	8	10
(*259½)	260	10½	15½	17½	12	16½	19
LASMO	140	13	20½	24	9½	14	16
(*145½)	160	7½	12½	16	23	26	28
Lucas	140	18½	23	25½	6	9	11½
(*154)	160	7	12	15½	17	20½	22½
Pilkingtn	140	23½	25	27½	3½	7	8½
(*158)	160	10½	13	16	11½	16½	18½
Prudential	330	17½	26½	29	13	17	23½
(*337)	360	6	13	15½	33	35½	41½
Redland	550	28	40	48	31½	38½	53
(*550)	600	9	21½	29	66½	71	84½
Royal Ins	317	18	27½	-	15	19	-
(*319)	346	7	14½	-	34	37	-
Tesco	220	15½	23½	26½	9½	16½	19½
(*226½)	240	6½	14	17	22	28	31
Vodafone	550	46½	58	68	18½	28½	33½
(*570½)	600	21½	33½	44	40½	55½	60
Williams	330	24½	33	37½	11½	16	23
(*344½)	360	9½	18½	23	29	33	39

FT-SE INDEX (*3079)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Sep	142	96	57	30	12	4
Oct	156	116	82	53	33	18
Nov	178	140	108	80	58	39
Dec	196	159	127	98	75	54
Jan	-	237	-	179	-	132
Puts						
Sep	6	11	23	49	82	129
Oct	20	28	44	66	95	134
Nov	32	42	62	83	112	144
Dec	38	56	75	95	122	153
Jan	-	114	-	156	-	208

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	19½	33	40½	5½	12	19½
(*405½)	420	4½	17	25	20	27½	35½
Amstrad	30	5	7	8	1	2	3
(*34)	35	2	4	5	3	4½	5½
Barclays	500	22	39	51	6	17	26
(*514½)	550	3	17	26	38½	46	53
Blue Circ	260	13½	25	30	5	16	20½
(*268½)	280	4	13	20½	16	27½	31½
Br Gas	330	9	16	23½	4½	15	19
(*333½)	360	1	6½	11½	28	36	37½
Dixons	220	20	30	36	3	10½	14½
(*234½)	240	7	18	26	12	19½	24½
Forte	220	14½	22½	29½	3	11	15
(*231)	240	3½	12	19	13½	22	25
Hillsdwn	160	12	18½	23½	3	9½	13
(*169)	180	2½	9	12½	14½	21½	25
Lonrho	120	13	20	23	1½	6	9
(*131)	130	6	14	18	4½	10	14
Sears	110	4½	8½	11	3	6½	7½
(*112½)	120	1½	4	6½	9½	13	14
Thrn Emi	950	55½	85	96½	5½	17½	28½
(*991)	1000	19	52½	66½	19	38	50½
Tomkins	220	20½	28½	32½	2	6½	10½
(*239)	240	6	16½	21½	8	15½	19
TSB	200	8	17	21½	4½	10½	14½
(*202½)	220	1½	8	12½	18½	22½	26½
Wellcome	700	62	87	104	4	26	36
(*755½)	750	26	56	76	18½	48	59
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Apr**
Glaxo	550	41½	56½	73	6½	30	43
(*583)	600	12½	33	49	29½	57	69
HSBC	700	29	59	77	15	34	52
(*717)	750	9	36½	55½	46	63	81
Reuter	1500	42½	101	138	24	61	84
(*1515)	1550	18½	73	111	52½	86	108
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Feb**
R-Royce	140	23	26½	30	1	5½	7½
(*159)	160	6½	15½	20	6	14	16½
Series		**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	27½	30	35	2½	6	9½
(*181½)	180	13	17	23	9	14½	19
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	500	41	48½	55	7½	14½	17½
(*525)	550	13½	21½	29½	32	39½	42½
Series		**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Sep**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Natl Pwr	330	36½	45½	49	1	4	7½
(*365)	360	10½	24½	30	5	13	18½
Scot Pwr	350	8½	21½	-	5	11½	-
(*353)	390	1	5½	10	38½	39	41½

August 25, 1993 Tot: 37346 Call: 15480 Puts: 21866 FT-SE Call: 3477 Put: 4765
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

COMMODITY REPORT: Wheat and barley futures closed easier based mainly on poor export prospects due to available cheaper material overseas. Cocoa futures came under pressure from some profit-taking after its recent sharp advance. Coffee also ran into profit-taking after a recent steep climb, although concern about the high uncovered position on near Sept deterred aggressive selling of nearbys.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	769-767	Dec	865 BID
Dec	797-796	Mar	881 SLR
Mar	821-819	May	890 BID
May	832 BID	Jul	906-902
Jul	842-841		
Sep	852-851		Volume: 11913

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1262-1258	May	1177-1176
Nov	1235-1234	Jul	unq
Jan	1201-1200	Sep	unq
Mar	1153-1151		Volume: 4600

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot unq		Mar	..
May	unq	May	..
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	261.4-60.1
Spot: 295.6		Aug	267.0-66.0
Oct	261.7-61.0	Oct	258.9-56.5
Dec	257.5-56.0	Dec	261.3-57.5
Mar	258.5-57.5		Volume: 756

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	68.05	85.60	128.70
(+/-)	-2.91	-0.14	-2.02
Eng/Wales	67.94	85.75	128.41
(+/-)	-3.02	-0.22	-1.49
(%)	-2.8	+6.8	+14.3
Scotland	79.65	85.17	129.71
(+/-)	-7.76	-0.06	-3.48
(%)	+35.7	-10.7	+1.6

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	-	Mar	unq	..
Sep	unq	-		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	103.20
Nov	104.50
Jan	106.50
Mar	108.45
May	110.75
	Volume: 583

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	99.00
Nov	102.25
Jan	104.50
Mar	106.30
May	107.50
	Volume: 25

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	..
Dec	..
Feb	..
Apr	..
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	62.5
Apr	76.5	75.7
May	88.3	88.3
		Volume: 108

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 59.50-60.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Prices were depressed by an overhang of prompt North Sea crude. US figures failed to inspire the market.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.70	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Sep)	16.85	-0.15
Brent 15 day (Oct)	17.05	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	18.25	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.50	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	191 (-1)	194 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	162 (-2)	163 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Sep	164 (-1)	165 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Oct	167 (-1)	168 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	61 (-1)
Naphtha	161 (-1)	163 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Sep	162.00-62.25	Dec	169.25-69.50
Oct	164.75-65.00	Jan	170.50-71.00
Nov	167.00-67.25	Feb	170.00-70.50
			Vol: 9024

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	17.03-17.04	Jan	17.47 BID
Nov	17.21-17.22	Feb	n/a
Dec	17.35-17.38		Vol: 13879

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Sep	183.50-84.50	Dec	n/a
Oct	180.00-81.00	Jan	n/a
Nov	n/a		Vol: 70

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Aug 93	1460	1450	1451
Sep 93	1460	1460	1438
Oct 93	1485	1468	1468
Nov 93	1492	1470	1470

Vol: 81 lots. Open int'st: 3509 Index 1452 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1982.0-1983.0	1944.5-1945.0	1336000
Lead ($/tonne)	380.50-381.00	394.00-394.50	84125
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	874.00-874.50	889.00-889.50	766175
Tin ($/tonne)	4775.0-4780.0	4800.0-4831.0	14905
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1144.5-1145.0	1166.0-1166.5	1605425
Nickel ($/tonne)	4604.0-4605.0	4654.0-4655.0	46200

Shares set new record

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 16. Dealings end September 3. §Contango day September 6. Settlement day September 13. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
435	345	Abbey Nat					
294	179	Allied Irish		+5	11.5	5.6	15.5
195	130	Aus New Z				3.8	15.1
	2712	Bankamerica					
257	177	Bk of Ireland					
354	225	Bk Leumi UK				4.9	20.2
176	116	Bank Scotland					
516	362	Barclays			4.5	3.4	33.8
4	2	Benchmark					
21	15	Carlisle					
566	389	Cater Allen					
1.46	65	Coutts					
2450	1787	Chase Manh				2.6	19.4
2437	1312	Citicorp					
415	250	Close Bros					
£105	9775	Commerzbk				2.9	18.4
£311	£250	Deutsche Bk				3.1	
95	45	First Nat Fin				1.9	
1651	870	Full Bank Y				0.7	
492	343	Gerrard Nat				0.4	
774	490	HSBC		+2	21.5	5.5	13.0
752	474	HSBC HK		+1	19.0	3.3	17.1
390	241	Hambros		+3	19.0	3.4	16.8
343	313	Joseph (L)		+1	14.0	4.7	17.2
157	90	King Shaxson			16.6	5.7	
508	312	Kleinwort Ben		-3	9.0	7.5	
591	492	Lloyds		+1	16.0	4.0	17.5
89	63	Lon Scot Bk		+9	15.4	4.2	15.2
515	322	Nat Aust Bk			3.0	4.3	17.2
512	390	Nat West		+6		4.1	17.2
445	270	Provident		+5	17.5	4.4	30.1
54	39	Rea Bro		+5	11.4	3.3	18.8
305	207	Ryl Bk Scot			0.5	1.2	55.0
1194	467	Schroders		-3	6.3	3.8	
494	376	Stand Chart		-2		1.2	23.8
218	145	TSB		-13	20.0	2.7	
150	76	Union Disc		+1	6.4	3.9	
613	529	Warburg SG					
266	165	-do- 6% 'A'		+3		3.0	20.2
7850	4842	Wells Fargo	7400	+275		2.7	
187	121	Westpac	184	+1		1.3	
260	198	Wintrust	260		9.3	4.2	25.0

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	620	+6		4.2	16.7
647	441	Bass	532	+2	18.9	4.5	11.4
290	184	Boddington	282	+2	7.2	3.2	16.4
442	362	Bulmer (HP)	441			2.9	19.2
159	129	Burtonwd Brw	155		4.7	3.9	12.8
367	261	Devenish (JA)	367		7.8	2.5	21.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128			3.2	33.9
60	50	Fosters Brewing	54				52.6
410	336	Fuller Sm 'A'	410	+5	7.4	3.0	7.5
480	383	Grand Met	462	+7	12.3	2.3	17.6
425	347	Greenall Grp	368		11.7	3.3	15.2
572	505	Greene King	569	-2		4.0	12.2
520	437	Guinness	518	+7		2.7	16.1
291	230	Hardy Hanson	266		7.9	2.9	18.4
125	105	Heavitree	115		3.0	3.7	14.7
355	255	Highland Distl	344		6.0	3.3	27.4
3139	2538	Holt J	2938		41.0	2.2	22.9
90	33	Hoskins Brew	73	-0		1.7	19.1
323	250	Invergordon Dist	298	-5			52.6
160	154	Macallan-Glen	159	+5	0.9	2.9	17.0
405	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	375			0.7	35.7
214	164	Mansfield	200			2.9	17.0
291	231	Marston Thmp	254			2.4	14.3
448	328	Matthew Clark	448	+6		2.4	17.2
310	253	Minrdwn W	267		7.0	4.7	13.1
545	455	Morland	530	+5	4.4	3.0	∞
12	6	Paramount	9			2.0	21.1
190	145	Regent Inns	180	+1		2.1	17.3
975	753	SA Breweries	910	+5		3.1	18.0
462	408	Scot & New	473	+9		3.0	15.1
225	181	Taunton Cider	219	+5	6.0	4.4	14.7
248	213	Vaux Group	245	+2	9.3	3.4	17.9
302	225	Wetherspoon JD	297			4.8	16.9
535	435	Whitbread 'A'	535	+8		2.0	24.0
1190	950	-do- 'B'	1158			4.1	14.4
613	483	Wolvrhmptn D	503		11.4	1.9	29.1
515	475	Young 'A'	478		14.5	2.8	14.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
120	73	Abbey	120			8.5	∞
22	13	Albrighton	21				
121	87	Allen	117			5.3	26.5
107	65	Amec	96		3.0	3.9	17.8
12	4	Anglia Sec	9				
274	155	Ashtead	273		4.5	2.1	∞
142	101	Atwoods	117	+1	5.0	5.3	16.9
255	180	BPB Ind	251	+3		3.7	43.2
69	57	Baggeridge Brk	66	-2	3.1	4.5	28.9
31	18	Bailey (Benj) Con	25		0.5		
106	74	Barcom	106		1.2	1.5	19.2
56	32	Bardon	49		2.0	5.1	24.4
161	94	Barratt Devs	161	+5	2.0	1.6	17.0
429	305	Bellway	429	+2		3.5	24.9
41	15	Bellwinch	40	+6			
446	295	Berkeley Gp	437	-3		1.7	27.4
116	45	Bett Bros	114	-1		0.5	4.7
63	36	Blockleys	58		1.0	2.2	64.1
285	189	Blue Circle	268	-1		5.2	
285	230	Boot (Henry)	276		5.9	2.7	15.4
106	79	Breedon PLC	94	-2	4.6	6.1	22.7
121	82	Br Dredging	118		5.2	5.5	26.2
63	45	Brit Fittings	66		1.5	2.8	
151	94	Bryant	142		4.8	4.2	30.4
98	53	CALA	88	+3	2.3		
291	205	CRH	291	+9		3.9	20.2
43	18	Cakebread Rby	25				
46	23	Costain	37	+ ¼			
140	86	Countryside	140	+3		3.7	37.0
75	38	Crest Nicholson	70	+1	0.0		
96	27	Cussins	96			1.3	
3	1	Dunton	3				
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	20		0.5	3.1	
275	178	Epwin	273	+5	6.8	3.1	22.9
53	32	Erith	52		0.3	0.8	
453	252	Eve Group	453			2.8	16.4
6	3	Explaura	5				
140	97	Freeman Gp	130			4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	49		4.3		19.7
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	55	+1			
918	695	Gleeson (MJ)	913		12.7	1.7	14.8
135	90	Hewden-Stuart	134			3.0	30.5
51	28	Hewetson	45			3.5	33.2
311	186	Heywd Wlm	303	-1	12.5	5.2	
119	37	Higgs & Hill	117	+1	2.5	2.7	
36	26	How Gp	32			5.9	
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21		0.5	3.0	
76	39	Ibstock Johnsen	76		1.0	1.6	
19	12	Jarvis	19				
314	196	Laing (J)	310	+2	9.0	3.6	12.4
127	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	127	+1		6.3	
95	55	Ln Clydeside	90	-2	4.5	6.3	33.9
23	10	Lovell (Y)	17				7.9
335	240	Manders	324		9.0	3.5	19.8
168	93	Marley	159	+1	4.2	3.3	46.0
102	61	Marshalls	102	+1		4.9	70.2
175	122	Maunders (J)	167		4.9	3.7	15.3
215	96	McAlpine (A)	215	+8	6.5	3.8	37.2
40	23	McCarthy & S	35		0.5		
386	272	Meyer Int	372	-2		3.4	37.3
128	62	Mowlem (J)	124		4.0	4.0	
135	51	NSM	134				
53	48	Needler	46			3.7	23.3
171	106	Newman Tnks	164			6.1	21.9
300	197	Persimmon	279	-3	8.6	3.9	28.5
31	12	Phoenix Timber	18	-1			
1725	1237	Pochins	1525	-21	29.0	2.4	9.3
140	80	Prowting	136		3.4	3.1	
6	2	Quiligotti	2				
823	555	RMC Gp	788	-5		3.2	31.0
117	75	Raine Ind	95	-1	6.0	7.9	15.9
36	20	Ramus	22				
573	402	Redland	549	-3	25.0	5.7	31.9
79	64	Roskel	78		4.3	6.9	11.5
296	207	Rugby Group	276	+2	6.4	2.9	21.1
52	23	Svrfld-Rwe	41				
113	68	Sharpe & Fisher	111			4.5	19.3
219	80	Sheffield Insl	218	+3		3.1	53.5
147	82	Sheriff Hldgs	147			1.7	21.9
95	66	Shorrock	83	+2		7.8	18.9
239	196	Smart (J)	239	+19	8.5	4.4	10.9
6	2	Starmin	4		0.3	8.8	∞
156	103	Tarmac	156	+6	5.5	4.4	
194	137	Tay Homes	174	+5	5.8	4.2	11.1
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	135	-2	1.0	0.9	
638	433	Tilbury Douglas	623	+5	33.0	6.6	20.3
39	19	Tores Hire	35			1.4	
247	168	Travis Perkins	243	+3	8.0	4.1	42.8
40	30	Try Group	33		1.0	3.8	9.3
28	26	Tudor	26			1.2	
74	41	Vibroplant	74		2.5	4.3	26.2
65	30	Ward Hldgs	48				
36	25	Waterhouse	35				
475	360	Watts Blake	440	+5		3.4	19.0
26	6	Wercola	23				
163	90	Westbury	163	+2	5.0	3.8	25.4
12	4	West Scaffolde	7				
12	5	Wiggins	9				
461	371	Wilson Bowdn	439	+11	8.7	2.5	30.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	192	+8	3.9	2.6	33.3
194	104	Wimpey G	184	+1		3.6	
47	25	YRM	36		0.5	1.7	

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	648	+28			
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228		12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London	73			6.0	9.0
56	37	African Lakes	49		2.0	5.1	
178	125	Auto Sec	158			4.2	28.3
136	84	BET Ord	124	+3		3.3	5.0
100	41	BNB Res	99		4.0	6.2	
318	258	BPP	311		8.0	3.2	17.2
285	195	Barbour Index	220		8.0	4.5	∞
34	15	Bousstead	24		0.7	3.6	
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	248			2.0	20.7
36	11	Broadcastle	25			1.3	19.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65				
104	86	CKT Gp	100	+2	2.8	3.6	∞
191	139	Capita Group	191	+1		1.4	29.8
45	31	Casket Plc	43	+1		2.3	16.7
55	16	Chiltern Capital	18	-1			
51	26	Christie	40				
360	228	Chubb Sec	356	+1		1.7	22.1
100	18	Comact	99	+6		1.9	24.7
30	6	Corp Services	26				
52	20	Coutts Cnslg	46	+1			
110	50	Dan	110		3.3	3.8	14.9
256	198	Davis Service	252	-1		4.0	19.0
104	85	EW Fact	94		4.3	5.7	10.8
32	11	Gardiner	32	+ ½	0.6		22.0
257	215	Hays	247	+1	4.6	2.3	24.3
242	174	Hogg Robinsn	242	+1		3.4	17.6
70	35	Holmes Protectn	35				2.1
203	127	Hotch Whamp	192			2.5	16.3
3062	975	ISS B DKr	1925			5.5	2.5
637	519	Inchcape	567	+11		3.0	19.7
863	669	Johnson Clean	829	+1	25.7	3.9	18.1
12	2	Lep	10				
281	173	Mahe Gp	281	+7	3.5	1.6	21.9
118	103	Manpower	1101				
57	40	Michael Page	57		1.8	3.9	24.4
279	167	Pennas	167	-1		7.5	6.3
4	2	Prime People	2				
142	80	Proudfoot Alex	126			11.9	7.0
423	337	RCO	352		12.8	5.0	11.9
116	100	REA	100		4.0	5.0	
105	43	Reed Executive	104				
156	110	Reliance Sec	115			4.9	∞
238	178	Rentokil	210	+3	2.3	1.4	26.2
263	220	Rolfe & Nolan	223			4.0	12.6
399	334	Salvesen (C)	387	+3		2.5	21.2
37	26	Scott Pickford	36	-1		2.8	11.5
343	164	Securiguard	339			4.2	18.0
6	5	Select App	6				
1075	850	Serco Gp	1075		14.0	1.6	29.7
352	124	Sherwd Cmp	155			5.7	4.5
130	90	Sketchley	99			3.8	22.6
335	310	Warner Howrd	335		6.5	2.4	17.5
45	27	Welpac	33				
26	14	Wills Gp	24			0.5	33.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	210	Allied Colloids	244	-1		2.2	21.5
861	613	Amersham	861	+3		2.0	29.8
7	1	Anglo Utd	2				
£103	8325	BASF DM	£102	-200		3.2	
297	194	BTP	290			4.0	20.0
£130	£101	Bayer DM50	£118	+209		4.5	
178	134	Bisgden	165		9.5		17.8
165	92	Brent Chems	135	+1		7.5	11.3
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	359	+4			
20	12	Caird Gp	13			12.8	36.1
159	126	Canning (W)	141		7.2	0.5	16.2
608	504	Courtaulds	564	-2		3.1	15.0
302	226	Croda	302	-3		3.2	19.7
149	121	Doeflex	138		4.6	4.2	10.6
225	175	Ellis & Everard	221	-3	7.0	4.0	∞
34	15	Euro Colour	34	+ ½	0.8	2.0	21.1
314	254	Halstead (J)	314	+1		2.4	15.7
241	167	Hickson	171	-13		5.9	15.0
£114	8950	Hoechst	£113	+237		3.1	
225	195	Holliday Chem	220			2.1	20.1
710	608	ICI	695	+5		4.9	

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
688	576	Laporte	639	+2	19.5	3.8	17.6
223	181	Leigh	218	-2		4.5	21.0
97	36	MTM	65				
1900	1462	Norsk Hydro	1660			1.6	26.3
462	370	Paterson Zoch	462	+1	11.4	3.1	19.9
416	360	-do- 'A'	416	+1	11.4	3.4	16.0
256	221	Plysu	222			3.9	14.5
248	173	Porvair	248	+3	3.6	1.8	26.5
70	35	Scottish Speclt	61	-1			
495	412	Wardle Storeys	485		16.0	4.1	19.5
490	345	Wistohlme R	485		17.0	4.4	16.0
401	390	Yorks Chem	380	-4		2.5	20.4
306	238	Yule Catto	266		5.9	2.8	16.2
713	593	Zeneca	712	+15		4.4	41.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	67			5.6	
87	42	Amber Day	76	+1	3.1	5.1	20.8
342	257	Argos Plc	340	+7		2.6	29.8
25	12	Ashley Group	15			4.5	
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	104	+1	0.1	0.1	
305	278	Asprey	297	+1	5.1	2.1	20.0
134	94	Austin Reed	133	-1		2.3	
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	155			4.8	15.0
121	94	Bentalls	105		1.9	2.3	
278	208	Boneswaite	237	-8		1.1	28.4
39	22	Blacks Leis	38		2.2	7.4	
227	133	Body Shop	197	+ ⅝		1.1	25.4
16	11	Brown & Jackson	16	- ½		0.6	8.1
401	318	Brown (N)	393			2.2	23.1
87	64	Burton	77	-2		3.2	
145	126	Cantors	145			2.3	19.3
360	295	Church	340	-3	12.5	4.6	30.3
185	97	Clinton Cards	153		4.2	3.5	18.5
250	212	Coats Viyella	248	+2		3.7	21.3
112	78	Colourvision	102		5.6	6.9	18.3
700	374	Courts Furnish	699		5.5	1.0	8.7
135	115	Crown Eyes	135			6.5	∞
129	89	Dairy Farm Intl	122	+2		3.0	18.2
87	51	Dewhirst (IJ)	63		1.0	1.5	26.6
281	199	Dixons Grp	235	+5		3.3	
413	320	Dunhill	397		8.1	2.6	15.4
21	12	ERA Gp	15				
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530		16.0	3.9	17.8
161	71	Essex Furn	156			2.2	26.4
271	203	Etam	271	+3	6.9	3.2	24.8
608	499	Fine Art Dev	591		12.7	2.7	19.3
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	39				
543	498	Forminster	543		16.0	3.2	9.9
157	24	French Connn	155	+5			
73	43	Gent SR	73		2.0	3.4	21.4
68	23	Goldsmiths Gp	67	+1	0.3	0.6	
3725	2400	GUS	3685			1.5	28.9
2113	1613	-do- 'A'	2043	-2		2.7	15.9
40	31	Hampden Grp	32			3.9	15.9
277	70	Hartstone	64	+4		5.5	
29	20	Helene Plc	25	-1	2.0	9.9	12.1
72	29	Heritage	71				
71	35	Honeysuckle	71	+4		1.6	18.1
123	63	Jacques Vert	121	+1		3.2	9.3
691	496	Kingfisher	669	-9		2.6	21.9
74	62	Leslie Wise Gp	69		4.0	7.2	14.2
685	495	Liberty	580		7.2	1.6	68.3
320	241	Lloyds Chem	275	+5	5.5	2.5	10.8
152	120	MFI	142	+3		3.4	29.3
376	311	Marks Spencer	365	+2		2.8	20.0
555	445	Menzies (John)	555			2.5	15.5
227	135	Moss Bros	226		5.5	3.0	26.5
210	139	Next	202	+ 1½	2.5	1.5	24.1
40	15	Olney (G)	36				
303	197	Oriflame Intl	285	-1		4.2	14.0
63	38	Pentos	42	+ 1½	1.5	4.5	8.7
313	185	QS Hldgs	205		5.1	3.2	14.6
41	11	Ratners Group	36	- 1½			
35	30	Rhino Grp	35				
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154			2.1	13.9
117	93	Sears	112	- ½		3.9	
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	471	+16		3.8	15.3
15	4	Specialeyes	14				
229	176	Storehouse	224	-1		2.8	28.9
191	148	T & S Stores	162		5.9	4.6	12.1
154	71	Tie Rack	154	+2	1.0	0.8	25.2
231	160	Time Products	228		7.5	4.1	19.7
114	63	Usher (Frank)	113			5.5	8.9
45	27	Vivat	34		1.0	3.7	10.5
40	34	Wensum	34			6.7	
122	78	Wickes	112	-2		0.2	49.6
78	45	Wid of Leather	69				
198	146	Wyevale	173	-1		2.9	22.9
4	2	Xtra-vision	3				

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	176			3.6	17.7
240	223	Acal	236	+1		3.3	16.5
162	38	Acorn Compa	103	-2			52.2
480	385	Admiral	455		5.4	1.5	19.2
156	104	Alba	156			4.0	19.1
48	19	Alphameric	42				
38	22	Amstrad	34		0.4		
128	61	App Holo	61	-5			
41	13	Arlen	41	+4			
75	35	Astec	75	+6			1.2
293	243	Beales Hunter	243		9.4	4.8	∞
9	3	Bennett & Fountn	4				
446	319	BICC	402	+8	19.2	6.1	
575	435	Blick	475		9.2	2.4	18.5
1700	1100	Borland	1300	-50			
371	274	Bowthorpe	369	+1	6.3	2.2	24.1
445	376	BT	425	+2		4.6	30.1
188	150	BT P/P	183	+3		4.3	20.9
11	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11		0.1	1.1	
160	110	Burnfield	158		5.7	4.5	25.0
860	669	Cable Wireless	842	+5		2.2	27.1
23	11	Chloride	23				
223	229	CML Micro	273	+2		2.1	19.8
115	74	Comptr People	97		0.6	0.8	
164	108	Cray Elect	149			1.3	15.3
421	243	Critchley	421	+9		1.8	∞
551	414	Delta	542	+13		3.2	22.3
359	205	Denmans Ele	359			2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	461	+1	7.2	2.0	15.7
65	48	Dowding Mills	62		2.5	5.0	20.4
1085	865	Druck	1085		10.0	1.2	∞
464	358	Electrocompnts	461			2.1	18.8
580	470	El Data Prc	545	-8	5.1	1.2	14.9
116	43	Electron House	116		2.6	2.8	25.1
30	10	Emess	25		0.1	0.5	
600	442	Eurotherm	595	+1	8.0	1.7	27.1
155	108	FKI	152			2.5	22.3
454	340	Farnell Elect	448			1.7	23.7
90	33	Feedback	89			2.1	11.6
18	9	Ferranti	12				
258	101	First Tech	258		1.0	0.5	∞
270	81	Forward Gp	265			1.6	24.0
21	16	Forward Tech	18				
358	264	GEC	353	+4	10.3	3.6	17.7
196	132	Graseby	183	+4		1.6	37.8
14	7	Greystone	13				
39	36	Hilcare	36				
169	83	INSTEM	150			1.7	11.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	366		8.8	2.6	10.8
15	8	Kembrey	15		0.1	3.0	∞
332	260	Kenwood App	332	+7		1.3	
216	47	Kewill Sys	205			2.9	18.6
209	160	Kode	189		5.5	3.7	22.2
60	16	Laser-Scan	35				
365	122	LBMS	343			0.4	34.3
300	240	Lec Refrig	273		9.0	4.1	
179	130	Life Sciences	144	-1	3.5	3.1	15.6
289	164	Logica	259	+7	3.6	1.8	30.6
55	44	LPA Ind	54			8.1	15.2
212	162	MR Data Mngmt	198	+8	4.3	2.7	18.9
683	523	Macro 4	648			2.5	21.7
635	527	Memvier-Swa	627			2.2	∞
3013	1805	Micro Focus	1993	+8			18.4
227	147	Microgen	168		7.2	5.4	11.4
34	23	Microvitec	28				
529	357	Misys	511	+4	7.0	1.7	∞
437	98	Mitel	434	+27			
138	108	MMT Compa	128			3.4	16.3
36	16	Molynx	33		1.3	4.9	
272	202	MTL Insts	240			1.9	18.1
165	105	Molthone Elect	116	+1	3.5	3.8	∞
216	116	Murray Enter	216		1.8	1.1	
6412	5225	NYNEX	5950	+100			
188	135	Neotronics	135		2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61				
195	58	Norbain	190	+2		1.0	14.5
75	20	Northamber	60		0.6	1.3	
15	9	Oceonics	14				
285	195	Oxford Inst	283	-1	4.5	2.0	19.5
83	45	P-E Intern'l	64		1.0	3.0	
81	29	P & P	70		1.4	2.5	37.2
80	55	Peek	76		3.4	5.6	19.8
190	115	Pegasus	187	+1		4.2	48.0
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500			6.1	
1312	725	-do- Lmp Nv	1287				
254	211	Phonelink	250				
561	343	Pilco	561		8.2	1.8	∞
541	303	-do- 'A' Voting	541		8.2	1.9	∞
96	63	Plasmec	78			6.0	6.6
113	76	Pressac	113		2.4	2.7	22.8
135	81	Psion	113	-1		2.8	30.0
258	160	Racal Elect	257	+2	4.2	2.1	15.3
70	45	Radamec	63	+2		3.0	13.5
70	31	Radius	37		2.7		12.8
92	61	Real Time	75			5.0	∞
35	18	Riva	26				33.0
629	380	Sage Gp	410	-4	9.0	2.8	13.1
342	222	Sanderson Elec	325		9.0	3.5	13.9
88	49	Scantronic	83		3.1	4.7	20.9
156	117	Scholes Grp	156	+1	5.0	4.0	30.7
371	270	Sema Gp	364		2.8	1.0	29.5
42	26	Silvermines	39			3.2	
50	37	Soundtracks	47			5.9	15.9
2673	1737	TDK	2525	-37		1.3	28.1
22	4	TDS Circuits	14				
165	80	Telemetrix	162	+2	0.8	0.6	26.7
998	809	THORN EMI	994	+13		4.0	20.3
111	96	Thorpe FW	106		2.5	2.9	10.9
103	63	Total Systems	64		3.0	5.9	11.3
507	372	Tunstall	507	+2	6.0	1.5	20.3
280	164	Unitech	280	+2		2.7	66.3
11	6	Verity	9				
35	24	Vistec	29			1.6	16.9
570	367	Vodafone	570	+6		1.5	25.8
463	368	Volex	463		17.8	4.8	19.0
26	11	Western Selectn	24				
290	223	Wholesale Fitgs	290		11.7	5.2	∞

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
534	389	East Midlands	512	+2		4.8	9.6
538	399	Eastern Elect	529	+4		4.5	10.6
378	304	Hydro-Elect	371	+2		3.8	13.5
542	404	London Elect	531	+6		4.6	11.8
587	458	Manweb	577	+8		4.5	8.3
560	424	Midlands Elec	556	+4		4.5	9.9
375	273	National Powr	365	+8		3.6	10.9
585	440	Northern Elec	573	+2		4.7	8.3
165	100	Nthn Ireland	162	+3		4.4	9.5
582	439	Norweb	570	+2	20.0	4.4	8.8
401	273	PowerGen	392	+9		3.3	10.4
358	285	Scottish Power	355	+4		3.9	13.2
598	436	Seeboard	584	+8		4.3	9.4
616	469	Sth Wales	595	+5		4.7	9.9
550	426	Sth Western	547	+9		4.6	13.1
549	406	Southern Elec	536	+4		4.6	9.8
569	455	Yorkshire Elec	561	+6		4.5	10.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60	50	Aitken Hume	54		1.0	2.3	11.5
125	47	BWD	124			3.2	19.4

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
91	26	Baltic Plc	91			1.4	
538	413	Caledonia	538	+3		3.5	20.0
1500	1075	Camellia	1425			1.1	5.1
313	241	Candover	310		10.2	4.1	22.0
159	71	Fleetech	138			0.5	
327	159	Goven	314	-5		4.8	9.5
188	125	Ivory Sime	188			4.3	17.7
6	3	LIT	3				
12	11	Ughokip	12				
234	154	Lon Forfaiting	234	+1	8.4	4.6	16.6
67	47	Manakin	63		5.0	9.9	∞
12	3	Nat Home Loan	9				
52	40	Newmarket	52				
329	246	Rathbone Brs	329	+2	6.0	2.3	20.0
35	17	Rutland Tst	24			4.1	14.5
330	253	S & U	285	+5	10.0	4.4	10.6
80	48	Singer & Fried	79		2.6	4.1	
875	713	Sotheby's	836			4.1	
155	83	SJP Capital	152		3.0	2.5	62.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2297	1487	Amer Express	2200				
1100	805	Henderson Ad	1090			4.8	25.1
193	92	Invesco	190	+ ½		2.0	
230	164	Jardine Strat	225	+3		3.4	10.4
236	154	MAI	227	-3	6.0	3.3	10.5
665	389	MAM	657		15.0	2.9	16.4
953	633	M & G	950	+3		2.6	25.3
342	109	Smith New Crt	330	-2		2.3	5.0
81	55	Trio Hldgs	79			4.7	

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536	456	AB Food	526	-1	14.0	3.3	12.0
77	53	ASDA Group	66	+2		3.0	15.4
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	285		6.5	2.0	16.5
76	55	Albert Fisher	72		3.7	6.5	12.0
407	287	Argyll	345	-3		3.9	12.7
153	117	Assoc Fisheries	153	+0		6.5	3.1
228	160	Banks (S C)	227		9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	334	+4	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsps	68			5.2	15.3
141	112	Berisford Intl	129				
455	357	Booker	436	+4		6.2	44.0
52	35	Borthwick	47			3.2	59.0
505	430	Brake Bros	502		6.2	1.5	20.9
51	38	Budgen	47		1.0	2.7	∞
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	481	-1		3.4	17.9
120	78	Carrs Milling	120		3.9	4.1	24.0
196	156	Cranswick	185	+2		5.4	13.8
22	8	Cullens	17	- ½	0.5	3.6	30.3
184	150	Dalepak	210	-3	6.0	3.6	16.3
518	424	Dalgety	518	+20	19.5	4.7	15.1
54	27	Daniels S	50			0.6	
217	191	Devro	213			3.2	20.3
134	99	Everest	117			3.7	16.2
358	269	Farepak	358		5.7	2.0	22.0
10	3	Farringford	8				
94	64	Finlay (James)	70			7.4	23.2
125	78	Fyffes	110			1.3	19.9
483	328	Geest	370		8.1	2.7	17.1
13	7	Global	13			4.8	20.2
45	43	Grand Central	44		1.2	3.6	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	188	+1		4.3	10.9
175	131	Hillsdown	169			6.5	13.3
250	205	Iceland Group	234	-2		1.8	20.9
131	103	JLI Group	118			4.9	13.1
853	655	Kwik Save	751	-10	16.0	2.7	14.4
262	174	Low (Wm)	188		9.4	5.6	9.1
63	41	Matthews (B)	63	+1	2.2	4.5	41.3
19	12	Merchant Retail	18		1.1	7.6	36.9
174	124	Morrison (W)	152	-1		0.7	19.8
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543		13.6	3.1	15.7
290	242	Nthn Foods	285	+5		3.7	14.2
20	9	Nthmbrn Fn	12				
229	172	Nurdin Peack	210	+2		3.6	12.0
250	205	Park Foods	242		6.0	3.1	∞
115	78	Perkins Food	88	+2		6.3	9.6
97	47	PizzaExpress	95			0.7	53.5
6	1	Regina Hlth	5				
584	426	Sainsbury J	504	-1		2.5	17.7
86	33	Sentry Farms	80	-3		2.3	14.4
125	94	Sims Food	109			8.6	21.0
439	357	Tate & Lyle	393	-1	12.0	3.8	12.4
273	195	Tesco	226	-1		3.9	10.5
211	123	Thorntons	159	-4	3.6	2.9	14.8
183	101	Treats	150			3.0	17.1
400	300	Unigate	389	+5		5.2	12.8
437	340	Utd Biscuits	381	+2		5.0	18.1
26	20	Usborne	36			2.8	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	289	+2	13.3	5.8	15.0

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk Hs	22				
89	77	City Centre Res	88		1.5	2.2	21.1
239	170	Forte	231	+1		4.1	18.1
220	155	Friendly Hotels	193		3.7	3.7	36.8
11	5	Harmony Leis	10				
114	97	Jarys Hotel	114	+ 1½		6.1	∞
222	154	Ladbroke	205	-3	11.1	6.8	17.5
73	59	Mandarin Ornt	70			4.8	17.6
59	44	Queens Moat	47		2.8	7.6	6.3
93	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85		7.5	11.0	
2	1	Regal Hotels	1				
55	28	Resort Hotels	45		3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11	Ryan Hotels R	18	+ 1½		5.6	
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	840		7.0	1.0	
65	34	Stakis	65			0.9	

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	78	AAF Inds	128			8.6	7.8
616	455	AAH	535	+6		4.0	17.2
177	140	AIM	175	+6	7.5	5.4	∞
132	88	APV	106			6.4	
238	81	ASW	232	-1		3.2	
198	124	Adwest	198		7.0	4.4	28.2
29	10	Aerospace Eng	24	+1	0.7	4.0	∞
259	249	Airsprung	259			2.2	16.5
155	113	Alexdra W	155	+2	3.8	3.1	42.8
13	6	Allied Radio	8				
565	415	Alumasc	565		11.0	2.4	17.3
48	17	Alvis	45	+2	1.0	2.8	9.3
475	345	Amber Ind	475			4.9	10.9
45	18	Amberley Gp	45			2.8	
107	78	Anagen	90				
145	82	Andrews Sykes	110			5.0	
945	703	Antofagasta	870	+5		2.3	16.1
50	37	Armour	48		1.4	3.9	14.1
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155		6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2	Ass Br Eng	3		0.0	1.7	∞
541	434	Avon Rubber	531			3.9	21.2
290	168	Assoc Nursg	249			0.5	15.3
687	544	Atlas Equip	679	+5		4.1	16.8
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	-3			
182	147	BBA	175	+2		5.4	14.7
65	28	BLP Group	53				
77	13	BM Gp	16			5.0	0.7
770	627	BOC	649	+4	23.2	4.5	14.2
79	62	BSG	77			5.2	27.0
487	353	BSS Group	455	+6		4.7	27.2
409	318	BTR	396	+ ½		3.4	22.7
221	155	BWI	186	+4	6.7	4.5	17.9
50	31	Babcock	45			5.8	27.2
8	4	Bailey (CH)	8				
290	240	Baird (Wm)	280		8.9	4.0	19.4
1062	556	Barlow Rand	612	+12		5.6	3.4
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	62			2.9	25.4
15	5	Beaufort	9				
9	6	Beckenham	9	+1			
34	15	Bedford (W)	27				
27	15	Benson Group	16	-1	0.3	2.3	∞
707	461	Bespak	589	+9	10.0	2.1	∞
133	73	Bibby (J)	92	+1	9.7		5.4
312	139	Billam (J)	254	+1	5.0	2.5	12.8
41	21	Bilston Battsea	32				
11	3	Bimec Ind	4				
168	118	Birkby	168		3.5	2.6	15.9
45	32	Black Arrow	42	-1	2.6	7.7	∞
1		Black & Edgtn	1				
200	136	Black (Peter)	200	+1	2.9	1.8	20.6
344	129	Bluebird Toys	344			1.6	21.5
322	247	Bodycote	310	-3		2.0	19.8
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28		0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	486	+6		3.4	18.0
61	42	Booth Inds	51		0.7	1.7	
517	435	Bowater	508	+7	11.5	2.8	20.1
1682	1287	Bowater Inc	1374	+37			
261	199	Braemore Intl	261	+1		1.8	19.5
19	12	Brasway	15		0.5	4.3	∞
303	204	Brammer	300		13.0	5.4	22.6
25	12	Bridgend Gp	25	+2	0.4	2.0	
123	64	Bridon	121			4.2	
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	80		4.1	6.4	15.0
44	31	Brierley Inv	41			7.2	10.9
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	250			1.2	
59	42	Br Bloodstock	59				
528	417	Br Polythene	514			2.4	18.4
118	54	Br Steel	114			1.1	
180	100	Br Syphon	105			3.6	24.4
18	11	Br Thornton	18			1.7	∞
268	215	Br Vita	256	+1	7.1	3.5	15.9
15	5	Britton Grp	15			1.5	
730	555	Broken Hill	699	+8		2.6	33.1
109	78	Bromsgrve Ind	106			5.2	13.8
10	6	Brooke Tool	7				
70	44	Brown & Tawse	63				
132	91	Bullough	129	-1	6.0	5.0	22.1
25	11	Business Techs	13	+1			
28	17	CI Group	23		1.0	5.4	22.1
25	11	Campbl & Arm	20				
34	6	Cannon St	32				
250	205	Cape	250	+2		5.3	16.9
246	178	Carclo Eng	246		8.6	4.4	17.5
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2575	-25		2.3	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	68			4.4	11.1
206	158	Castings	204		4.3	2.7	14.4
160	113	Chamberlin Hill	160		6.2	4.9	10.0
707	605	Charter	705	+6		3.9	16.6
322	220	Chemring	322	+2		3.2	19.4
92	45	Chieftain Gp	52		5.1		11.1
35	17	Chillington	34		0.2	0.9	
204	144	Christies Int	176	+2		1.1	79.5
63	34	Clayhithe	62			5.0	
95	70	Clayton Son	94				
7	7	Co Designers	7		0.2		
400	295	Cohen (A)	308		6.8	2.8	∞
223	179	Community H	195	+2	6.5	4.2	12.1
246	186	Concentric	228			3.1	19.2
223	120	Cook (Wm)	223		5.0	2.8	13.5
233	182	Cookson	229			3.3	30.3
76	38	Copymore	73	-3		1.8	21.5
238	130	Crnwll Plr 'A'	179		5.7	4.0	15.3
118	92	Cosalt	108		10.7		16.4
224	150	Creighton Nt	185			4.9	18.0
48	27	CrestaCare	44	+1	0.5	1.4	38.1
3737	2993	Dana	3666	+68			
236	78	Danka Bs Sys	210			0.7	20.0

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243	193	David Brown	238			3.2	16.9
18	5	Davies (DY)	18				
712	632	De La Rue	700			3.0	18.8
26	16	Dinkie Heel	26		0.9	4.6	20.7
539	391	Diploma	535		9.7	2.3	27.8
79	50	Dobson Park	79		5.7		14.2
114	92	Dyson (J&J)	114		5.0	5.5	∞
80	57	-do- 'A'	79		5.0	7.9	∞
16	8	EPG	12				
439	367	EIS	430	+3		3.0	17.4
28	19	Elbief	23				
43	19	Eleco	25		3.3		14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2112	+21		2.6	
66	45	Elliott (B)	60				
474	394	Eng China Cl	456			5.5	25.1
3237	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2950	+50		1.0	
53	32	Eurocopy	46	-1	1.6		17.9
87	47	Expamet	78			5.2	1.8
717	499	Fairey Group	715	-1	10.2	1.8	22.0
95	53	Fenner	80		4.2		15.1
60	32	Ferraris Group	56	+3		2.2	15.1
1		Ferromet	1				
29	21	Ferrum	22	+1	2.5	14.2	15.4
60	38	Fife Indmar	56		0.5	1.1	
251	147	Fisons	182	-2		6.0	21.1
53	29	Fitzwilton	48			9.7	
288	215	Flogas	288			3.2	13.0
43	38	Folkes Group nv	38		1.5	4.9	21.6
76	56	French (Thomas)	76		3.6	6.0	38.1
240	166	Frost Group	230		4.0	2.2	9.7
86	71	GEI Int	84	+4		7.4	
513	434	GKN	500	+2		5.2	32.8
51	42	GR Hldgs	46			5.4	
98	79	Garton Eng	97		4.0	5.2	
160	103	Gestetner	147	+1	8.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Gieves	35				25.3
801	509	Glaxo	583	+5½	17.0	3.6	16.1
38	16	Glencheestnn	32				
318	245	Glynwed	311	+1	11.6	4.7	28.9
120	66	Goode Durrant	120	+2		5.6	
140	102	Grampian Hd	140	+2	5.5	4.9	24.3
450	341	Granada	440	+5	7.7	2.2	23.4
407	301	Great Shrns	392			3.5	16.1
96	78	Green (Ernst)	88			9.9	12.2
15	8	Greenacre	15			2.3	15.3
17	8	Guardian Grp	10				
57	30	Haden MacLe	54			4.7	19.1
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	78			0.8	
235	115	Hall Eng	228		8.6	4.7	19.0
228	161	Halma	226	+5		1.1	30.4
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	-1	1.6	5.0	13.2
265	222	Hanson	259	+3½		5.6	13.1
221	187	Harris (Philip)	206			4.2	12.5
198	147	Harden Cosfld	192	-1	9.0	6.0	27.2
68	38	Havelock Euro	68				
51	20	Hay (Norman)	46				
28	17	Headway	27		0.7	3.3	14.2
17	5	Healthcare	5			20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	380	+3	14.8	4.9	16.4
228	160	Hewitt (J)	210		3.0	1.8	16.4
38	15	High-Point	38		1.3		
161	112	Hill & Smith	160			4.4	22.3
10	6	Hobson	10				48.1
159	87	Holders Tech	159			4.7	20.8
52	30	Hopkinsons	52		1.3	3.1	21.5
167	133	Hornby	146	+3		7.7	13.8
88	54	Howden	88		2.2	3.2	∞
260	173	Hunting	251	-4		5.0	21.2
500	269	Huntleigh Tech	498			2.5	12.7
312	247	IMI	300			4.2	25.6
112	90	ISA Intl	104		1.5	1.8	16.2
206	144	Intercare Gp	146			2.2	15.4
255	235	Isotron	245		3.9	2.0	15.7
543	360	Jardine Math	496	-6		2.5	18.0
537	425	Johnson Matth	492	+8		2.6	21.6
64	36	Johnson & FB	42	+ ½	3.0	8.8	13.1
177	104	Johnston	164		3.2	2.5	
32	19	Jones Shipman	27				
35	18	Jourdan (T)	32		0.7	3.0	
76	26	Kalamazoo	76		2.1	3.5	17.7
178	73	Kalon	167			2.4	23.0
297	253	Kelsey Ind	260		13.0		
545	465	Kershaw (A)	535		27.0	6.3	27.8
235	75	Kleeneze	187	-15			
151	61	LDW	148		3.0	2.6	12.1

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68	42	Sheldon Jones	64				
131	88	Sniton	123	+1	2.9	2.9	13.3
344	281	Sidlaw	325	+12		3.8	20.8
561	427	Siebe	537	+1		2.3	19.9
365	280	Silentnight	365	+1		2.7	21.5
124	102	Sime Darby	116			3.9	13.3
142	32	Simon Eng	73	-7	5.0	8.6	16.7
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	197	+1	7.0	4.4	12.7
47	36	Six Hundred	38			5.8	
164	139	Smith & Neph	148	-2		4.0	16.2
513	389	Smithkline	447	+1	8.6	2.4	16.1
450	340	Smithkline Uts	366	+3		3.3	14.3
394	320	Smiths Ind	380	+4	11.2	3.7	15.5
140	58	Sthn Bus	69	-1	3.3	6.1	6.5
430	266	Spandex	428			1.9	19.0
650	300	Spear (JW)	590		4.0	3.2	10.1
374	314	Spirax-Sarco	370			3.1	23.5
145	44	Spring Ram	73	+5		0.6	20.1
270	222	Staveley	260			4.1	14.7
162	126	Sterling Ind	161			4.3	24.7
26	11	Stonehill	23				
187	97	Suter	183	-1	8.8	6.0	19.2
361	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	317	-10		2.8	∞
7	4	Sycamore	4				
78	53	Sykes-Pick	64			7.8	12.2
275	240	Syltone	275			4.3	18.3
369	279	TI	365	+7		3.7	24.9
25	12	TLS Range	25			1.2	
290	211	TT Group	270	-1		3.1	16.6
249	220	Takare	240		1.9	0.9	19.0
868	614	Takeda Chem	824	+7		0.5	21.9
66	24	Tex Hldgs	61				
109	70	Tinsley (E)	94			7.2	∞
225	150	Titmn	225			2.0	19.6
271	212	Tomkins	239	+2		3.3	17.6
111	67	Trafalgar H	110	+1		3.7	8.1
579	346	Transfer Tech	470	+17	16.0	4.3	11.8
190	158	Triplex Lloyd	174			5.0	20.8
253	214	UniChem	244		5.6	2.9	16.0
375	279	Unidare	375			5.2	12.2
76	11	Unigroup	41				
1249	938	Unilever	1075	+8	21.3	2.5	14.7
8112	6362	Unilever (NV)	7075	+40		2.9	11.9
915	513	VSEL	880	-3		4.1	9.4
9	6	Verson	8				
164	95	Vickers	149	+ ½		1.3	
367	243	Victaulic	301	+5		3.5	14.7
440	283	Vinten	437	+1		2.0	20.3
660	427	Vosper Thorny	660		10.0	5.6	14.3
46	41	WSP Hldgs	45		22.0	2.2	18.7
468	368	Wagon Ind	415	+6		3.1	
93	71	Walker Greenbk	92			8.1	11.7
258	201	Wassall	244	+1	3.1	4.2	23.5
40	22	Wrtord Wdgwd	40		2.5	1.3	24.6
384	291	Weir	348	-2			
993	600	Wellcome	756	-12	11.0	2.1	19.6
23	19	Wellman	20		13.0	2.1	20.9
343	260	West Hlthcare	342		0.9	5.6	32.6
510	460	Whatman	498			1.4	∞
353	267	Whessoe	284		9.5	2.4	16.9
65	27	Whitecroft	61	-1		3.5	11.0
8	4	Widney	8				
118	44	Wilkes (James)	118	+11	3.5		34.1
365	295	Williams Hldg	345	+3	12.5	4.5	18.1
36	17	Wilshaw	34	- ½		1.8	21.4
661	533	Wolseley	654	-10	12.5	2.4	22.7
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125		1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40			3.1	
59	38	Young (H)	56		3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1907	1543	Alex & Alex	1675	+31		4.0	
2312	1787	Am Gen	2312			3.2	
49	30	Archer (AJ)	49		4.4		23.8
148	118	Bradstock	141		5.1	4.5	17.4
498	359	Britannic	458			3.1	
667	556	Com Union	615	+1		4.9	
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1558			1.4	25.7
36	18	FAI	36				
699	546	Gen Accident	688	+1	26.7	4.9	
219	160	GRE	214	+4	7.0	4.1	17.8
411	293	Heath C E	406	+1		4.9	
228	168	Hogg Gp	220		8.1	4.6	20.0
218	164	JIB Group	202	-3	7.5	4.6	20.4
513	408	Legal & Gen	489	+2		4.9	29.7
1092	768	Liberty Life	962	-7		3.1	16.4
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	430	-1	17.3	5.0	15.5
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	336	-1	5.6	2.1	24.7
368	274	Londn & Man	348	-3	14.2	5.1	25.6
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	443	+12	13.5	3.8	15.9
6747	5600	Marsh McLn	6097	+118		3.0	
99	76	Oriel	99			6.3	
72	50	PWS	71		4.0	7.0	10.3
349	282	Prudential	337			4.4	22.4
1138	800	Refuge	983	-10	31.5	4.0	27.2
347	248	Royal	319			2.6	
204	150	Sedgwick	196	-1		3.9	23.5
261	205	Steel Burrill	252			6.6	14.9
87	48	Stnge Hldgs	80	+1	8.2		8.1
399	307	Sun Alliance	382		14.2	4.7	
61	50	Trade Indemnity	55				
330	239	Transatlantic	330		12.0	4.5	30.6
773	499	Utd Friendly	629	+2	14.5	2.9	27.4
242	171	Willis Corroon	236	-4		3.5	50.4
20	13	Windsor	19				14.9

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
351	266	Laird	348			3.8	17.1
167	110	Lilleshall	162			3.4	20.6
163	97	Lincat	163			3.9	14.1
18	4	Lincoln Hse	18				15.2
128	76	Linread	121		3.7	3.9	18.7
230	170	Linton Park	230	+5		7.6	8.3
12	10	Lionheart	12	+ ¼	0.2	2.0	
22	15	Locker (T) A	21		1.0	6.0	30.5
274	173	Lon Intl	225	+2	9.4	5.3	17.2
135	70	Lonrho	131	+3		3.8	
382	269	Low & Bonar	379	+1		3.0	53.1
344	265	MB-Caradon	336	+24		3.4	25.8
171	135	-do- pf	164	+1½	7.2	5.5	
34	14	ML Hldgs	34				
43	27	MS Intl	41			7.6	42.2
50	39	MY Holdings	45			2.8	13.7
215	168	Macfarlane	214			1.9	24.2
459	379	McKechnie	459	+3	14.7	4.0	22.8
106	85	McLeod Russel	100		6.0	7.5	12.2
10	3	Maddox	4				23.2
99	63	Magnolia	99		0.1	0.1	15.9
106	71	Mang Bronze	101		1.0	1.2	
26	19	Marling	23			3.5	
192	124	Mayborn	185	-1		3.4	15.3
56	29	Mayflower	56	+2		2.8	46.4
236	85	Medeva	114	+5		2.5	9.2
114	88	Meggitt	113	+ 1½		4.2	19.3
125	98	Metalr	123	+3		3.7	19.9
150	126	Metatect	150			2.7	20.8
83	70	Metsec	83				
83	29	Midstates	75			1.3	10.4
25	14	Mining & Aid	23		0.5	2.7	
490	368	Molins	490	+5		3.6	12.7
345	262	Morgan Cble	335			4.7	17.9
184	134	Morris Ashby	174	-1		3.9	13.2
31	18	Neepsend	29	-1	0.7	3.2	38.9
67	34	Nestor-BNA	67	+2	3.1	5.9	16.0
191	122	Nobo Gp	186		4.8	3.2	∞
173	122	Norcros	172	+4		5.1	25.1
51	35	Novo Group	49	+1		3.3	15.7
413	310	Nu-Swift	333				∞
57	36	Office Elec Mac	57		0.1	0.2	
39	21	OMI Intl	33		1.7	6.6	
140	123	PCT	128			7.1	14.5
48	36	Pacer Systems	37			10.3	
138	101	Pentland	113	+2		2.8	15.4
395	310	Photo-Me	393		4.4	1.4	20.0
158	97	Pilkington	158	+4		3.2	
79	68	Plantsbrook	78	-1	3.0	4.8	12.3
154	125	Polypipe	140		1.9	1.8	20.2
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	34			4.6	15.6
11	5	Porth Gp	9				
376	306	Powerscreen	359	-1		2.3	18.7
20	16	Prospect Inds	17		0.7	5.4	8.8
54	37	RPS Group	50		2.2	5.6	10.8
95	73	Radiant Metal	80				
185	77	Ramco Oil	131	+1		1.0	43.9
801	636	Rank Org	774	+13	31.0	5.0	21.2
33	18	Ransomes	18				
657	532	Reckitt Colm	618	+8		3.3	22.4
77	50	Record	72		3.6	6.3	35.4
7	2	Reece	5	- ½			
242	131	Relyon	241		4.9	2.5	28.9
303	208	Renishaw	280		6.5	3.1	19.9
90	55	Renold	90			1.4	
1573	1240	Reuters	1516	+18	21.2	1.7	25.1
56	24	Rexmore	56	+1	1.7	3.9	
153	91	Ricardo Group	152		5.7	4.7	42.7
69	58	Richard (Leics)	68		4.4	8.1	
98	63	Richardson West	88		3.0	4.3	22.2
128	109	Ropner	126		8.2	8.2	17.9
124	97	-do- 'A'	124		8.2	8.3	17.6
30	24	Ross Gp	30		0.6	2.7	12.3
182	131	Rotork	177	+2		2.7	20.5
160	89	Rubicon	160			3.3	∞
65	43	Russell (A)	60	-1		2.1	
29	15	SEP Indl	26			3.5	24.3
1012	625	SKF 'B'	912				
52	39	Saville Grdn (J)	52	+1	2.2	5.5	∞
248	205	Scapa	234	-1		3.0	17.8
238	192	Scholl	224	-1		3.5	16.3
6	4	Scot Heritable	5				
1075	917	Securicor	1073		2.6	0.3	40.8
765	562	-do- 'A'	743	+3	2.6	0.4	28.3
660	465	Security Serv	632	-1	5.0	1.0	31.3
116	77	Senior Eng	116			3.4	19.4
361	286	Seton Health	315	+2		2.3	18.6

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1800	1548	Alliance	1795	+12	45.0	3.2	39.0
264	226	Amer Trust	254	+2	4.9	2.4	52.7
404	304	Ang & O'seas	400	+1	6.8	2.1	50.8
144	124	BZW Conv	144	+2	7.8	6.8	16.8
186	133	Bankers	182	+1	3.4	2.4	50.0
315	264	Baring Tribne	315	+5	6.4	2.6	49.8
187	131	Berry Starq	187		2.2	1.5	60.8
110	96	Br Assets	109	+ 1½		4.9	26.7
82	57	Br Empire Sec	81		0.8	1.4	
29	14	-do- Wnts	28				
194	156	Br Inv	194	+6	4.5	2.9	43.7
188	130	Contl Asset	188	+3	2.4	1.6	62.5
195	143	Derby Inc	150			11.9	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	275				
79	62	Drayton Blue	79	+1	8.4	13.3	8.8
81	35	-do- Eng Intl	78	+1	1.2	1.9	
133	84	-do- Far East	127	+ 1½	0.6	0.6	
122	95	-do- Korea	112	+2	0.5	0.6	
661	576	Dunedin Inc G	661	+2	25.4	4.9	30.0
100	94	-do- Japan	97	+ ½			
55	38	-do- Warrants	53	+1			
690	513	-do- Wrde	690	+4	9.5	1.7	71.1
291	222	Dundee & Lon	291	+1		3.9	26.8
300	250	Edinburgh	298	+2	8.4	3.5	32.6
287	183	Electra Inv	283	+1	6.7	3.0	38.6
189	141	Electric Gen	188	+1	3.1	2.1	∞
112	85	English Scot	112				
298	205	European Asset	297	+1		2.4	38.6
121	77	Finsbury 'A'	121		3.0	3.1	38.9
291	248	Fleming Amer	287	+2	0.7	0.3	
219	190	-do- Claver	216	-1		3.1	42.6
318	212	Do Contl	315		2.7	1.1	
201	147	-do- Entp	201	-1	4.7	2.9	∞
334	213	-do- F East	317		1.1	0.4	
322	246	-do- Fledg	322	+4	3.0	1.2	
118	93	-do- HI Inc	104			5.3	17.8
260	136	-do- Japan	239	+2	0.3	0.2	
287	250	-do- Merc	285	+1	6.7	3.0	60.6
292	212	-do- Oseas	289	+1	4.0	1.7	69.0
258	203	Foreign & Col	252	+1		1.7	68.6
214	164	-do- Eurotst	214	+1	1.2	0.7	
123	87	-do- German	123		0.5	0.5	
319	191	-do- Pacific	299	+2	1.9	0.8	
161	116	-do- Smaller	161	+1½	1.8	1.4	
272	145	GT Japan	250	+1		0.6	
177	65	Genl Cons Cap	145	+3			
129	96	-do- Inc	113			9.3	11.7
145	115	Goven Am Smlr	138				
316	184	-do- Oriental	302		0.9	0.4	
282	207	-do- Strategy	280	+1		3.0	38.7
395	340	Greenfriar	395	+3		2.0	59.3
19	5	Gresham House	19				
54	47	Independent Inv	53		0.6	1.4	∞
142	124	Inv Cap	142	+1	5.1	4.5	28.5
97	77	IMS Uk Smllr	96		2.8	3.6	26.3
206	156	Kleinwort Chrt	206	+3	5.0	3.0	40.1
239	176	-do- O'seas	234	+3	3.3	1.8	66.5
127	108	-do- Smlr	126	+3	4.0	4.0	30.5
680	540	Law Debenture	672	-1	18.2	3.4	33.6

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
192	164	Majedie	192	+2		3.1	37.2
273	221	Merchants	267		10.6	5.0	24.8
6291	3700	Merrill Lynch	6291	+15			
488	352	Monks Inv Tst	488			1.7	61.8
133	135	Murray Grtn Inc	133			4.3	26.4
47	22	Do Warrants	47				
56	39	Murray Euro	55		0.1	0.4	
21	4	Do Wts	19				
342	252	Murray Income	341	+ 1½		3.0	32.6
339	235	-do- Intl	336	+2	11.6	4.3	30.3
380	263	-do- Small	379	+3	4.2	1.4	∞
103	95	-do- SIC Inc	93			14.2	9.1
135	73	-do- SIC Cap	133				
3050	2750	-do- SIC Uts	2950			4.5	
159	142	-do- SIC DP	153				
315	230	-do- Vent	314	-1		4.1	24.8
88	56	New Frontier	86	+1	0.2	0.4	
86	66	Newthrog Inc	86	+2	6.7	9.4	16.1
336	249	Overseas Inv Tst	329	+2	2.8	1.1	
411	285	Pacific Assets	392	-1	1.1	0.4	
314	187	Do Warrants	297	-1			
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8300			2.4	49.6
158	100	RIT Cap Pntr	155		1.1	0.9	
126	108	River & Merc	122	-1	9.2	9.4	12.2
419	350	Robeco	418			3.0	
423	346	Rolinco	418			1.8	
279	214	St Andrew Inv	277		7.5	3.4	37.3
156	131	Scot American	154	+1		3.8	32.6
225	136	Scot Asian	217				
505	225	do Warrants	498				
81	63	-do- Eastern	79	+½	1.5	2.4	51.9
221	183	Scottish	219	+3	4.6	2.6	45.4
225	178	-do- Mtge	221	+1	4.0	2.3	57.4
92	71	-do- Value	92			2.4	65.9
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1588	-1	36.5	2.9	42.7
91	74	Secs Tst of Scot	89	-1	3.2	4.6	29.3
157	109	Selective Asset	156	+1	1.2	1.0	56.3
35	14	Sphere Inv	33	+½	3.1	11.8	10.6
164	112	TR Far East	155		4.5	3.6	34.0
152	126	TR City Of Lon	151	+1	4.8	4.0	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	157		0.3	0.3	
32	17	TR Property	30	+1	0.9	3.7	31.7
99	47	TR Tech Inv	98	+1	1.7	2.2	36.4
196	146	TR Smlr Cos	196	+1	3.8	2.4	∞
348	283	Temple Bar	359	+2	13.2	4.9	25.6
97	69	Throgm Asian E	94	+1	0.5	0.7	
78	54	Throgmorton	76	+ 1½	2.3	3.7	31.8
548	363	Three Dual Cp	540	+2			
230	178	USDC Invest	228	+1	4.5	2.5	41.9
112	76	Value Inc Tst	107		3.6	4.2	3.9
670	542	Whitbread Inv	670	+2	16.5	3.1	40.3
216	161	Witan	214	+2	5.6	3.3	37.5

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
381	269	Airtours	378	+2	7.2	2.4	13.4
64	52	Ald Leis	59		4.7		16.9
357	254	Anglia TV	331	+2		3.5	15.3
103	63	Balcenta	75		3.0	5.0	10.2
349	192	Barr & W 'A'	222		10.0	5.6	14.3
1345	930	Boosey Hwks	1345		22.0	2.2	18.7
155	90	Border TV	136			3.1	∞
16	4	Brent Walker	6				
58	46	Bristol Scots	53				
8	2	Buckingham Int	5				
292	110	Campari	136			11.0	
239	171	Capital Radio	229		5.2	2.9	26.5
618	778	Carlton Comm	601	-3	17.0	2.5	23.6
200	158	Castle Comms	176	+1		0.0	16.1
2080	1615	Central TV	1963		38.0	2.4	21.4
83	61	Chrysalis	77	+8			
599	470	Compass Gp	575	+1		2.8	17.2
350	175	Eurocamp	226	-4	9.7	5.4	9.3
1180	610	Euro Disney	665	-20		1.7	
8	3	Euro Leisure	5				
36	16	Ex-Lands	32				
390	245	Fairline Boats	369	+1	10.5	4.9	
376	303	First Leisure	305	+1	6.1	2.5	21.0
515	296	GWR Gp	512			1.7	26.3
239	149	Grampian	238		6.1	3.2	16.5
15	4	Greenwich Comm	14				
67	19	HTV Group	64	-1			28.4
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	57			4.4	
12	5	Kunick	11				
490	262	LWT CP	465			1.3	21.5
481	327	Man Utd	479		18.0	4.7	16.5
148	59	Owners Abrd	80	+1	3.5	5.6	6.3
72	33	The Pelican Gp	72	+2		1.9	∞
160	55	Prism Leisure	135			3.0	12.5
30	16	Quadrant Grp	30				
320	274	Radio Clyde	320			3.3	25.1
191	132	Ramsdens (H)	185	+10		3.0	24.5
553	431	Scot TV	522	-1	9.9	2.4	25.7
60	37	Southern Radio	45	-1	0.7	2.2	18.7
260	168	Stanley Leisure	258	-1	4.3	2.1	20.4
10	5	Sunleigh	8				
145	118	Sunsex & Vine	120		3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345	Tanjong	345			0.4	∞
2	1	Ticketing	2				
117	84	Tottenham Hot	95				3.1
78	44	Trans World	57	+1		1.8	20.8
489	274	Ulster TV	488		10.0	2.6	15.0
101	62	Vardon	99		0.7	0.9	23.4
32	11	Wembley	17		0.2	1.5	
48	7	Whitegate	42				
218	110	Yorkshire TV	211		12.0	7.0	6.5
120	83	Zenera Gp	114		8.0	8.8	∞

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4650			4.5	22.3
1625	1018	Ang Am Coal	1412	-18		6.6	7.1
2300	1125	Ang Am	2062	-12		3.4	17.0
30	8	Anglo Pac Res	26				
133	33	Blyvoors	115	-2		5.3	6.3
46	18	Bracken	36	-1			2.0
871	233	Buffels	675	-1		9.7	∞
2	1	Butte	2				
695	546	CRA	690	+8		3.0	22.2
43	11	Cluff Res	32	-1			
1312	762	De Beers	1262	+18		4.0	16.4
165	37	Deelkraal	128	-3		1.6	∞
96	7	Doornfontein	47	-3			
913	388	Driefontein	713	-3		4.3	∞
709	120	Durban	523	-21			
201	47	E Rand Gold	124	-5		9.4	3.4
270	54	E Rand Prop	211	-7			
604	117	Elandsrand	354	-6		3.5	8.2
899	292	FS Cons	764	-14		6.7	9.1
80	8	FS Dev	61				
1675	725	GFSA	1266	-49		3.2	∞
180	125	Gencor	158			6.3	12.3
64	35	GM Kalgoorli	51			2.7	12.6
22	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15				
187	49	Grootvlei	108	+1		9.7	6.3
360	78	Harmony	300	+5			
425	87	Hartles	304	-4		6.5	∞
16	8	Inoco	15				
1010	491	Impala Plat	784			3.6	25.6
13	6	Kenmare Res	9				
1080	332	Kinross	861	+16		5.9	9.4
913	319	Kloof	637	-12		3.5	∞
137	25	Leslie	103	+1		4.0	10.3
219	13	Loraine	166	-2			
840	630	Lydenburg	780			2.6	∞
116	81	MIM	96	-1		2.4	44.0
1265	820	Minorco	1194	+6		3.3	13.3
136	91	Nth Brkn Hill	132	+1		3.8	20.4
2287	612	Orange Free	1980	-34		6.7	14.9
715	607	RTZ	712	+9		3.7	26.8
837	425	Rand Mines	606			9.7	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	548	+4		5.5	∞
192	115	Renison	166			2.7	16.1
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1050			3.2	∞
595	191	St Helena	502	+12		4.9	10.1
2168	475	Southvaal	1764	-2		3.3	30.5
109	18	Stilfontein	88	-2		7.2	15.2
201	58	Unisel	134	-6		2.5	12.0
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5012	-62		4.4	8.6
582	154	Welkom	498	-17		6.8	14.7
351	26	Western Areas	290	-1		2.5	∞
2512	587	Western Deep	2212	-12		2.8	10.2
283	176	Wnrn Mining	253	+2			
1029	323	Winkels	894	+7		1.1	7.3
84	56	Zambia Copper	68	+3			
68	18	Zandpan	50			6.2	∞

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	233				
130	95	Airflow Stream	130		3.0	2.9	13.5
160	82	Appleyard	159		5.2	4.1	
295	203	Blenchley Mtr	295			3.7	15.1
158	120	Bostrom	158		6.0	4.7	27.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	445	+6	7.0	2.0	
52	19	Burndene	47			3.1	12.5
388	303	Caffyns	388		11.5	3.7	78.5
12	4	Caverdale	12	- ¼			
143	98	Central Mtrs	133			3.8	33.8
29	18	Cook (DC)	27			2.8	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	255	-4	6.2	3.1	19.4
133	86	Dag Motors	132		5.7	5.4	23.9
152	102	Davnprt Vern	152	+1		3.3	19.2
300	155	ERF	298	-1	2.0	0.8	
131	92	European Mtr	131			3.3	18.4
395	208	Evans Halshaw	395	+2	11.8	3.6	60.3
290	226	FR Group	280	+5		3.2	13.0
3650	2843	Ford Motor	3450	+112			
3312	2143	General Mtr	3125	+118		1.6	
73	38	Gowrings	73		2.0	3.4	
222	85	Henlys	222	-1	3.0	1.7	
917	650	Honda Motor	899	-22		0.6	
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26				
108	66	Jessups	106	-1	4.5	5.3	
166	97	Kwik-Fit	164	+2		2.6	29.3
418	281	Lex Service	415	-1		3.2	22.7
159	85	Lookers	158	+4	6.2	4.9	
163	126	Lucas	154	-1	7.0	5.7	
27	21	Malaya Grp	23				
276	224	Pendragon	276	+1		3.0	22.3
198	106	Perry Gp	198		6.0	3.8	
185	108	Quicks Group	185			3.1	23.4
164	99	Rolls-Royce	159			3.9	
223	164	T & N	213			6.4	34.1
308	163	Trinity Hldgs	308			3.3	∞
162	125	Vardy (Reg)	162	+1		3.2	22.6
235	121	Westland	230	+6	4.2	2.3	20.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
168	103	Adscene	166		4.0	3.0	17.7
340	315	Black (A&C)	340	-2	13.5	5.0	13.9
608	423	Blenheim Gp	455			2.5	16.9
370	275	Bristol	345			4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	£101		130	1.6	22.7
£101	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£101		130	1.6	22.7
306	251	Dorling Kind	297			1.3	28.4
373	322	EMAP	360	+5		2.7	22.5
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1073	+10	29.5	3.4	24.2
237	170	Harrington K	220	+11	4.5	2.6	18.0
418	233	Haynes Pub	418		6.0	1.8	18.0
355	343	Hodder H'line	355		5.0	1.6	30.2
140	99	Home Counts	139		6.0	5.4	
140	30	Intl Bus Comm	133	+1			19.2
9	6	Int Cm & Data	7				
395	240	Independent	395	+20		3.0	19.2
557	395	Johnston Press	557		6.2	1.4	24.1
316	243	Metal Bulletin	315		8.0	3.2	22.2
181	88	Mirror Gp	174				
422	297	News Corp	415	-5		0.3	27.9
260	160	News Intl	257	-2	1.3	0.7	∞
491	354	Pearson	483	+1		3.1	29.4
675	510	Portsmth Sund	626			1.9	17.3
716	618	Reed Int	716	+5		3.0	30.9
148	98	Southnews	148			1.8	27.4
171	90	Sterling Pub	170			2.2	18.5
418	328	Telegraph	418	+29		3.3	17.3
825	715	Thomson Corp	793	-10		2.1	36.7
381	313	Trinity Intl	381	+2	8.7	2.9	22.8
39	29	Uni Group	29				
593	480	Utd Newspaprs	574	+7		4.7	17.0

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	31	- ½			30.7
61	37	Arcon Intl	43				
69	41	Aus Oil & Gas	69	+1			
83	26	Avisa Pet	69				
16	9	Beverley	11				
204	145	Br Borneo	203		7.1	4.4	6.1
339	276	British Gas	333	+1	14.2	5.3	16.1
326	225	Br Petroleum	317	+12	8.4	3.3	24.9
1	1	Bula Resources	1				
786	675	Burmah Castrl	782	+3		4.0	18.3
65	32	Cairn Energy	52				7.4
268	223	Calor Gp	266	+5		5.7	22.1
60	32	Clyde Pet	55	+ ½			
44	27	Coplex Res	39	- ½			
23	10	Edin Oil & Gas	19				
521	397	Enterprise	488	+12	16.0	4.5	55.3
88	33	Exp Co Louis	39	+1			
34	18	Fairhaven Intl	26			2.3	9.3
67	45	Goal Pet	60		1.4	2.9	11.5
44	18	Gt Western Res	42				
164	104	Hardy O & G	164	+ 6½		0.8	15.3
46	18	Kelt Energy	42				
165	130	LASMO	145	+3	3.3	2.8	29.4
103	63	-do- Units	79		9.4	15.0	

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	10	Mid Scot Res	11	-1			
51	34	Monument	50				
9	4	New London	5				
32	21	Nth Sea Assets	27		1.0	4.6	9.3
35	27	Oil Search	31				
16	11	Peoro	14				
126	99	Pict Pet	118				16.4
29	16	Premier	25	+1			9.4
115	50	Presidio	115			5.3	
393	291	Ranger	330			4.8	
6700	5150	Royal Dtch Fl	6700	+109		4.5	16.7
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4475	-87		1.8	
67	47	Seafield	53				
671	515	Shell	671	+11	21.9	4.1	20.7
303	177	Sunrise Eng Sv	179				
41	21	Triton Europe	26				5.9
12	6	Vikers Grp	11				
172	141	Woodside	161	-2		2.4	

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
132	120	AG Holdings	132			5.0	12.0
331	249	API	323		7.5	2.9	25.1
208	144	Arjo Wiggins	204	+7		4.0	20.0
530	408	Abbott Mead	530	+7	9.3	2.2	27.5
1		Aesis Group	1				
40	13	Aegis Gp	36	+4			
212	118	Aspen Comms	135	+1		4.6	12.1
13	7	BBB Designs	13				
404	234	Bemrose	404	+6		3.6	16.0
33	12	Birkdale	13		0.2	1.9	11.0
142	118	Bunzl	142	+4	4.0	3.5	21.4
302	257	CIA Gp	302	+2		1.8	19.1
224	93	Capital Inds	224			1.8	21.4
79	44	City of Lon	77			6.3	14.2
236	169	Cropper (James)	232		3.1	1.7	22.4
6	6	Crown Comm	6				
92	51	Delyn Pckaging	90		1.6	2.3	12.1
117	94	Dolphin Pack	106		4.5	5.3	26.2
78	42	Dudley Jenkins	78	-1		5.0	17.7
15	11	Elswick	12			3.1	15.4
73	41	Fairway Groups	65		3.1	6.1	19.2
331	271	Ferguson Intl	331	+11		4.7	15.0
108	92	Ferry Pick	105			6.7	28.3
135	74	Filofax	135	+1		1.2	17.3
20	14	Finch	15				
122	69	Gibbon Lyons	120			5.2	13.5
295	247	Gold Greenless	285		8.3	3.7	∞
41	20	Goodhead	24		0.5	2.6	
88	35	Hunterprint	50				
165	136	Interurope	160		7.4	5.9	10.5
264	191	Jarvis Porter	251	-1		2.3	23.4
32	15	Lopex	25				
309	175	More O'Ferrall	309	-1	13.2	5.3	37.0
133	48	NMC Group	127		2.0	2.0	19.4
138	66	Osborne & Little	137			4.2	15.0
517	455	Portals	507			3.6	17.3
266	167	Quarto	255	+1	5.3	2.6	14.0
347	267	St Ives Gp	305		5.2	2.2	20.8
189	142	Saatchi	164				
474	333	Sappi	379	-6		9.7	7.3
20	11	Serif	20				
32	14	Shandwick	25				
397	294	Smith David	391			3.2	30.5
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	251	-1		2.9	17.0
68	45	Sonic	60		1.5	3.1	34.6
246	183	Sta-Plus	228		8.0	4.4	20.3
27	16	Taylor Nelson	27		0.3	1.4	22.9
68	38	VTR	68			6.2	19.4
96	40	WPP	96	+2		1.3	3.6
156	62	Wace	153	+4			
255	203	Waddington (J)	255			3.4	19.1
728	540	Warmough	728		11.5	2.0	28.6
7	4	Westport	6				
34	12	Whinney Mck	24				
87	55	Wood (SW)	77			2.0	16.5

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
94	41	Allied Lon	94	+1	3.5	4.7	
63	56	Arcadian	62				
100	52	Asda	100	+2		2.6	10.5
139	88	Avonside	136	+1	4.0	3.7	19.0
2637	2062	BCE	2275	+25			
619	396	Bilton	619	+8	18.9	3.8	22.4
110	23	Bourne End	92		1.0	1.4	
223	150	Bradford	223	+3	5.4	3.0	22.6
23	5	Bredero	14				
373	166	Br Land	373	+8		2.3	34.0
240	140	Brixton	228	-1		4.6	18.1
73	42	Burford	73			2.0	
164	99	Cap & Regnl	164			0.8	
195	120	Cardiff Prop	195		2.4	1.5	
418	196	Chesterfield	417		11.0	3.3	29.8
40	12	City Site Ests	40		1.4		
25	12	Clarke Nickolls	21				
53	34	Conrad Rbist GS	51				
1238	818	Daejan	1238	+3		2.7	15.3
3	1	Dares Estates	2				
98	53	Debenhm Twsn	92	+3		4.1	17.9
12	4	De Morgan	8				
141	76	Dencora	135		3.0	2.8	
515	263	Derwent Hldgs	515	+10	8.6	2.1	64.2
44	10	Development Sec	43				
55	25	Dwyer	53	+1			
260	170	Eaares Agency	260		3.0		23.8
27	7	Estates Gen	22				
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	209			2.7	18.5
31	11	Five Oaks	31	+1			
62	30	Flesher King	62		1.0	2.0	41.1
455	276	Frogmore	454			4.1	36.4
200	97	Grainger	199	+2	5.2	3.3	44.5
207	11	Gt Portland	203	+3		6.2	19.4
26	7	Greycoat	22	+ 1½	5.2		
149	101	HK Land	146	+2		4.5	20.0
75	35	Hambro Cntyw	68				
401	257	Hammerson	399	+3	10.0	3.1	40.4
663	245	-do- 'A'	369	+3	10.0	3.4	37.3
253	127	Helical Bar	253	+1		2.4	9.1
31	19	Hemingway	31				
132	56	Herring Baker	74	+2	3.7	6.3	18.6
153	133	Jermyn	138				
682	435	Land Sec	673	+10	22.8	4.2	20.3
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	107	+1	4.0	4.7	16.6
4	1	Lon & Metro	3				
499	315	MEPC	493	+3		5.1	21.2
9	5	McInerney A	9				
135	90	McKay Secs	132		3.5	3.3	∞
7	3	Markheath	5		0.5		
49	12	Merivale Mre	42	+1	1.0		
5	3	Merlin Intl	5				
40	29	Moorfield Es	40				
1250	775	Mountview	1150		20.0	2.2	11.4
167	112	Muckow (A&J)	167	+1	5.9	4.4	23.5
46	30	Olives Prop	36		1.5	5.2	
10	3	Ossory Est	5		0.1		1.5
147	88	PSIT	147	+4	4.1	3.5	29.1
274	138	Peel	274		4.0	1.8	∞
16	7	Power Corp	7				0.8
48	22	Property Trust	45	+5			∞
75	42	Raglan	46	+1			
29	11	Regalian	19				
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	130		1.5	1.5	34.5
38	16	St Modwen Prp	36		0.6	2.1	27.4
70	39	Savills	61			2.0	24.1
89	34	Scot Met	89		1.5		
105	36	Shaftesbury	99				
15	5	Shield	12				6.5
242	139	Slough Estates	242	+2		4.2	16.9
82	56	Southend Prop	74		4.2	7.2	∞
28	16	Stanhope Prps	27				
184	114	Tops Ests	184		2.1	1.4	65.6
125	79	Town Centre	125		3.1	3.1	23.3
83	43	Trafford Park	75		2.5	4.3	30.2
66	3	Uk Land	5	+ ¼			
9	4	Union Square	5				
258	180	Warner	255		10.5	5.1	23.3
215	168	Warnford	215		7.5	4.4	15.8
8	2	Waterglade	2	+ ¼			
83	35	Wates	83	+3	0.7		
76	40	Wood John Da	67				

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagica	15				
168	84	Headlam	168			1.9	37.9
500	315	Lambert	315		13.0	5.2	7.7
100	51	Pittards	63		2.0	4.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	27		1.0	4.6	7.5
187	89	Stylo	179			2.1	68.5
66	53	UK Safety	66	+1		23.8	2.2

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	483		12.6	3.3	15.5
69	54	Beckman (A)	65		4.7		12.9
35	21	Bolton Gp	34				17.1
170	141	Br Mohair	170		8.5	6.2	15.9
53	15	Charnwell	41	-2			
345	298	Claremont Ga	338		7.2	2.7	21.1
601	522	Courtauld Text	558	+5	13.6	3.0	15.3
53	24	Cupid	28				
248	205	Dawson	226	+2		5.0	17.2
38	22	Drummond	38				
81	65	Faupel	81			7.6	12.5
34	15	Foster (John)	22				
133	82	Gaskell	117		4.2	4.5	
200	156	Hicking Pntcst	200	+2		2.5	15.5
61	45	Jerome (S)	61				
365	249	Lamont	348		12.0	4.3	23.0
506	353	Leeds	497	+1		1.8	24.0
42	15	Lister	42		0.1	0.3	
132	78	Lyles (S)	88		4.9	7.0	10.0
180	89	Magellan	178	+2	1.4	1.0	
166	69	Parkland 'A'	166		2.0	1.5	
102	82	Readicut	99			4.3	18.7
53	35	SEET	48	+1			
103	72	Sirdar	103	+2	5.1	6.2	18.1
72	44	Stirling Gp	70		1.8	3.3	17.1
51	37	Stoddard	46	+1		4.1	42.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	300		11.5	4.8	25.9
62	32	West Trust	36			8.7	
208	126	Yorklyde	183			3.6	12.0

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	479	+ ½		4.9	14.3
743	584	Rothmans 'B'	700	+11	11.5	2.1	13.9

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	468			2.3	
813	707	BAA	798	+10		2.5	19.8
359	249	Br Airways	352	+5		3.8	19.4
106	56	Clarkson (H)	93	+3	1.5	2.0	
23	23	Davies Newman	23				
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	466	+13			
82	44	Fisher (James)	82		1.0	1.5	22.0
205	147	IOM Steam	205			4.9	10.7
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32		0.5	2.0	
84	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	77			1.6	15.1
2800	1262	Manchstr Sh	2875	+12	4.5	0.2	15.7
384	280	Mersey Docks	376	-2	7.5	2.5	21.9
263	181	Natl Express	262			3.4	18.8
284	230	NFC	268	+3	6.5	3.1	20.4
374	244	Ocean Group	330	-3		5.4	27.4
73	40	Ocean Wilson	73	-1	4.0	6.8	13.2
676	504	P & O Dfd	656	-2		5.8	35.6
155	127	P & O 5 1/2%	154	-1		4.5	
563	448	Powell Duffryn	561	+1		5.0	21.7
170	117	Seacon	170	+10		3.8	10.5
142	112	Stagecoach	142	+1		3.3	∞
60	31	TNT	52	- ½			
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	738		11.8	2.0	38.3
382	123	Tipbook	234	-2	19.3	10.3	
298	227	TDG	264	-1		4.5	8.6

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	529	+1		5.0	10.7
652	547	Northumbrian	638			4.4	6.6
537	431	North West	530	-1		5.1	9.3
546	439	Severn Trent	541	-1		4.9	8.7
577	454	Sthrn Water	560	-3		4.8	9.3
1525	1225	Sth Staffs	1525		47.0	3.9	10.9
569	465	South West	557	+2		5.3	9.1
563	454	Thames Water	542			4.8	10.6
639	506	Welsh Water	619			4.7	6.2
649	536	Wessex Water	632	+1		4.3	9.5
593	473	Yorkshire W	552	-2		4.8	9.4

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; * Ex rights issue; § Ex all; ‖ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
100¼	99¹³⁄₁₆	Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	...
106¹⁄₁₆	101¼	Treas 13¼% 1993	101⁹⁄₁₆	...	13.49	5.65
102¾	101¼	Treas 8¼% 1994	101¾	...	8.39	5.42
109¾	104⅝	Treas 14½% 1994	104¾	...	13.85	5.41
109¹⁄₁₆	105⅛	Exch 13½% 1994	105⅝	...	12.82	5.41
105⁹⁄₁₆	103³⁄₁₆	Treas 10% 1994	103⅞	...	9.66	5.37
110¾	106¼	Exch 12½% 1994	106¾		11.70	5.33
105⅝	103⅛	Treas 9% 1994	104⅛		8.64	5.36
111⅝	108¼	Treas 12% 1995	108⅞		11.03	5.43
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96¹⁵⁄₁₆		3.10	4.87
109⅝	107⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	108⅝		9.47	5.57
116¾	113¼	Treas 12¾% 1995	114⅝	+ ⅛	11.14	5.68
120⅝	117⅛	Treas 14% 1996	118⅝	+ ⅛	11.85	5.81
125⅛	121⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	122⅝	+ ⅛	12.43	5.95
120¹⁄₁₆	116¾	Exch 13¼% 1996	118⅝	+ ⅛	11.22	5.94
111⅛	108¼	Conv 10% 1996	111⅛	+ ⅛	9.00	6.10
122⅛	118⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	121⅝	+ ⅛	10.95	6.27
113⅛	110⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	113⅛		9.28	6.24
109	105⅛	Treas 8¾% 1997	108⅝	...	8.05	6.25
132⅝	127⅛	Exch 15% 1997	130⅝		11.51	6.56
112⅝	109⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	112⅝		8.67	6.43
103⅛	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	103⅝		7.00	6.33
101⅛	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅛		6.68	6.04
129⅛	125⅛	Treas 14% 1998-01	128⅝	+ ⅛	10.89	6.85

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅝	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	137⅝	+ ⅛	11.26	6.56
123⅛	118¼	Exch 12% 1998	122⅝	+ ⅛	9.78	6.77
113⅝	108⅝	Treas 9½% 1999	112⅝	+ ⅛	8.41	6.58
125⅛	120⅛	Exch 12¼% 1999	124⅝	+ ⅛	9.82	6.84
118⅛	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	117⅛	+ ⅛	8.92	6.70
118⅝	112⅛	Conv 10¼% 1999	117⅝	+ ⅛	8.71	6.72
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112⅛	+ ⅛	8.03	6.69
132⅝	125⅝	Treas 13% 2000	132⅛	+ ⅛	9.84	7.02
118⅛	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	117⅛	+ ⅛	8.53	6.99
118⅛	108⅝	Treas 9¾% 2002	117⅝	+ ⅛	8.30	7.08
108⅝	97⅝	Treas 8% 2003	107⅛	+ ⅛	7.45	6.95
121⅛	109⅛	Treas 10% 2003	120⅝	+ ⅛	8.30	7.12
125⅛	116⅛	Treas 11½% 2001-04	124⅝	+ ⅛	9.25	7.28
80⅛	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79⅝	+ ⅛	4.39	6.07
118⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2004	117⅛	+ ⅛	8.10	7.22
118⅛	105⅛	Conv 9½% 2005	117⅛	+ ⅛	8.08	7.23
136⅛	124⅛	Treas 12½% 2003-05	135⅛	+ ⅛	9.23	7.47
106⅛	94⅛	Treas 8% 2002-06	105⅛	+ ⅛	7.57	7.17
129⅛	118⅛	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128⅛	+ ⅛	9.12	7.43
111⅛	97⅛	Treas 8½% 2007	110⅛	+ ⅛	7.71	7.31
144⅛	131⅛	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143⅛	+ ⅛	9.41	7.40

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115⅝	101⅛	Treas 9% 2008	114⅝	+ ⅛	7.83	7.35
107	92⅝	Treas 8% 2009	105⅝	+ ⅛	7.56	7.37
117⅛	100⅛	Conv 9% 2011	115⅝	+ ⅛	7.77	7.39
117⅝	100⅝	Treas 9% 2012	116⅛	+ ⅛	7.74	7.39
85⅝	70⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84⅝	+ ⅛	6.51	6.99
106	89⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104⅛	+ ⅛	7.43	7.34
107⅛	93⅝	Treas 8% 2013	106⅛	+ ⅛	7.54	7.41
147⅛	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	145⅝	+ ⅛	8.25	7.57
116⅝	97⅛	Treas 8¾% 2017	114⅝	+ ⅛	7.61	7.41

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
47⅛	38⅛	War Ln 3½%	46⅛	- ⅛	7.47	..
34⅛	27⅝	Treas 2½%	33⅛	- ⅛	7.55	

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
134⅛	131⅛	Treas IL 2% 1994	134⅛	+ ⅛	..	0.13
199⅝	194⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	199⅝	+ ⅛	1.52	2.40
109⅝	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	109⅝	+ ⅛	1.96	2.61
168⅛	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	167⅝	+ ⅛	2.69	3.06
164⅝	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	164⅛	+ ⅛	2.83	3.14
112⅝	105⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	112⅛	+ ⅛	2.87	3.17
173	159⅛	Treas IL 2% 2006	173	+ ⅛	2.91	3.15
157⅛	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157⅛	+ ⅛	3.07	3.28
164⅛	148⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163⅛	+ ⅛	3.10	3.29
135⅝	122⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	135⅛	+ ⅛	3.13	3.31
146⅛	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	145⅛	+ ⅛	3.16	3.32
141⅛	124⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	140⅛	+ ⅛	3.20	3.34
118⅛	102⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2024	117⅝	+ ⅛	3.20	3.33
118⅛	103⅛	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	117⅛	+ ⅛	3.21	3.34

ACCOUNTANCY

Choice gives rosier view

BY GRAHAM SEARJEANT

THREE out of every seven big companies that have already implemented FRS3, the new accounting standard for profit and loss accounts, have published their own alternative figure for earnings per share, according to a survey of published accounts.

The vast majority were higher than the formal earnings figure derived from FRS3 profits, which include what used to be called extraordinary items. Increases on FRS3 earnings averaged 57 per cent and ranged up to 217 per cent.

Some companies were setting a marker for what they hoped would be a more stable measure of earnings. Most are likely to favour that recommended by the Institute of Investment Management and Research, which suggests excluding capital items.

This was surely, for example, the motivation for Cray Electronics, whose accounts issued this week are one of the few to show two alternative earnings figures, both much lower. Earnings on normal trading, excluding exceptional items and foreign exchange gains, were barely half the FRS3 figures, boosted by disposal profits. Cray could afford to be cautious: even on this measure, earnings trebled.

The company survey, made by Coopers & Lybrand, covered 111 sets of accounts, most of which were for companies in the FT-SE 100 index. Of these, 69 had implemented FRS3 and none had any extraordinary items.

The standard became compulsory only for accounting periods ending from June 22 onwards. On a wider sample including smaller groups, *Company Reporting*, the specialist publication, found fewer than four out of ten reporting in the second quarter adopted FRS3. Not surprisingly, many holding out until the last moment had heavy extraordinary costs, often from reorganisation and redundancy linked to the recession. These should stand them in good stead when they move over to the new all-in measure.

Peter Holgate, C&L technical partner, praises the value of the additional statement of total recognised gains and losses brought in as parts of the FRS3 package but says users have yet to take much notice of it.



Kathleen O'Donovan of BTR stunned the City with her £84 million FREDI interpretation

. . . but FRS3 is no health check

BACK in 1991, when Kathleen O'Donovan, armed with the newly published FREDI, added £84 million to BTR's reported profit for the sale of its Pretty Polly hosiery business, amazed outsiders pored over those few lines of the exposure draft once again to make sure BTR's new finance director had it right.

A lot of water has passed under that bridge since. We heard BOC's claim in 1992 that strict adherence to FRS3, the standard that emanated from FREDI, would cut its profit by 31 per cent, though operating profit was up 3 per cent. The Rank Organisation mournfully signalled that exceptional costs of £8.1 million would move up to a staggering £108.4 million.

Conscious of what was to come from applying FRS3, BOC devised its own in-house figure for 1992. You cannot blame the company. The high-brow rules of FRS3 would show profit falling 15 per cent over five years, instead of rising almost a quarter.

Until recently, earnings per share, though massaged and inflated by some, had a basis. Under the now-defunct SSAP3, it was defined as the profit attributable to each equity share, based on consolidated profit after tax, minority interests and preference dividends, but before extraordinary items. The game was to sideline as many costs as possible as "extraordinary". FRS3, to plug that loophole, included as exceptional everything that previously was extraordinary, such as restructuring, closure, or sale costs.

Some companies ostensibly flourished under these diktats. In 1992, House of Fraser showed £18.4 million profit, of which £12 million came from insurance payments for two stores' fires and the disposal of its credit operations. Others were not so lucky.

To circumvent misgivings, the Accounting Standards Board has dangled a carrot. A company may show, in addition to the FRS3 figure, any other measure it likes, provided it is consistent and is reconciled back to the FRS3 profit. Yes, you can design your own alternative EPS. Some of those produced by big companies highlight the standard's own deficiency.

The question is: do we want the results of an autopsy while the patient is still alive or do we need a health check? If the purpose is to provide a health check on the quality of profit, the FRS3 measure is well short of that objective.

KERON BHATTACHARYA
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Coopers veteran calls it a day

ANOTHER BUSINESS

PETER Allen, one of the old guard at Coopers & Lybrand, is calling it a day after 30 years with the firm. Allen is retiring as deputy chairman in April 1994, to collect non-executive directorships. As second-in-command to Brandon Gough, he rode the wave of mergers during the late 1980s and boasted a list of clients ranging from PowerGen and the Post Office to the Salvation Army. He joined the firm from university in 1963 with the intention of leaving within five years to go into business.

Clearly, the attractions of practice proved too great.

Eastern promise

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu International, the global parent of Touche Ross in the UK, is launching a representative office in Vietnam. The fickle Vietnamese customs may try the patience of even the calmest expert. Western visitors complain that you cannot even order a hamburger without pinning the price down on paper first, if you want to avoid a 20-fold increase in cost by the time the meal is over. A fun place to do business.

John Tiner, 36, banking and capital markets specialist at Arthur Andersen, has been appointed head of the firm's London financial markets practice. He has been with Andersen since 1979, advising on risk management, treasury and strategic matters. He replaces David Cade, a senior partner, who takes on a broader role dealing with major clients along with City institutions and regulators.

JON ASHWORTH

Agenda for training tomorrow's leaders

ONCE upon a time, the English ICA used to set questions in its intermediate examination that had but one purpose. They surreptitiously encouraged the students to buy the institute's official magazine. Articled clerks, as they were then, would reel in bemusement from questions in the general paper on, for instance, possible future economic uses for the canal system, until some smug swot pointed out that the previous July issue of *Accountancy* had an article on just that subject.

Accountancy education has moved a long way from that sort of irrelevant, formalistic approach. But not, witness the latest document to urge radical change, far enough. The proposals in the institute's consultative paper on the future of education and training, published this week, would have seemed unthinkable — to those who run the education system rather than the students — a few years ago. It suggests students should choose optional papers to reflect their chosen specialisms alongside core papers. It suggests qualification should partly rely on assessment of work experience rather than just exam-hall prowess — a pilot scheme assessing students' tax work has already been set up for next year. It suggests scrapping the cumbersome system of having to take all the papers again when only one or more has been failed badly, in favour of a system of "credit accumulation". It suggests the amount of study leave a firm allows should be more flexible and that authorising and regulating training offices should be less "bureaucratic". To encourage more qualified members to seek fellowship of the institute after ten years of work, a new system is proposed to assess if they have "demonstrated specialist technical excellence". The current system is less than rigorous but, the paper sourly points out, of members eligible to become fellows of their much-loved institute, "only 38 per cent have bothered to apply".



ROBERT BRUCE

The most important section of the document, setting it properly in context, is, however, probably that devoted to a "market needs analysis" commissioned from the Henley Centre for Forecasting. Predictably, for an institute that espouses openness but has difficulties with the practical aspects, the Henley report is not published in full. But the extracts give a good flavour. The aim was to assess from employers and other users what they really wanted from the profession. It starts off well enough, confirming that the ICAEW is "the largest and most prestigious body" in the European accountancy profession. Prestige in terms of accountants' future at the top of major corporations is less sure. Henley sees five markets for chartered accountants. The crucial ones are "top level business and financial strategy formulation" and "routine business advice, financial control and checking and reporting procedures".

The latter is by definition where the majority work, since it includes the activities of sole practitioners. And that is fine. But the profession's future prestige depends on keeping the public eye on the first market. The institute rightly argues: "Top level positions have a very high profile and the fact that so many have been held by chartered accountants has been a key factor in encouraging young people of the highest quality into our profession. We lose this ground at our peril." The Henley report says they are losing that ground. It argues that accountants in the 1980s responded to, rather than initiating, "sophisticated financial strategies and associated innovative financial instruments". Given that the scope for over-clever financial engineers is now pretty thin, this might not seem a bad thing. But Henley also argues that corporate scandals have tarnished accountants' reputation for being prudent and not reckless. They were thought "accomplices" in the process of failure. The upshot is that employers are deciding the expense of training accountants is too high and training too geared to practice rather than general business. Henley even floats the old idea that accountants operate best among their peers and are bad at working in mixed management teams, though Arthur Andersen's Ray Currie, who chaired the ICAEW group preparing the document, will say MBA graduates have even less of a clue.

There are hidden agendas aplenty here. A more flexible education system would make rationalisation of the main accounting bodies much simpler. A nod to specialisation opens the way to more independence for institute faculties. Clearing away bureaucracy in regulating training offices would allow greater freedom to organise training.

Only when those areas are properly worked through can the central question of accountants' usefulness, as leaders of business rather than mere processors, be answered.

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** prefers Clint Eastwood's craggy charm to Kenneth Branagh's new Shakespeare

Go on Clint, make my day

He coughs. He catches fever. When he runs, he gets winded. People call him a dinosaur, while his own description is "a borderline burn-out with questionable social skills". This is the Clint Eastwood of **In the Line of Fire**.

Aging with humour and dignity on screen is not an art every male star can master. Yet the 63-year-old Eastwood already looks expert, shading his character of Frank Horrigan, Secret Service agent, with enough pain, guilt and self-deprecating jibes to keep the role distinctive. He even tinkles the ivories in a Washington bar, playing (what else?) "As Time Goes By".

Wolfgang Petersen's thriller does not carry the mythic overtones and classic stamp of Eastwood's own *Unforgiven*. Its story is told with unfussy dispatch: you never feel the director peering over his shoulder at Hollywood history. But this is far from a Hollywood potboiler. Eastwood alone ensures that. John Malkovich plays his part, too, as Mitch Leary, a creepy psychopath and master of disguise who sets his gunsights on the American President, out and about during an election campaign. He delights in baiting Eastwood on the phone.

For Horrigan, like several earlier Eastwood heroes, is haunted by his past. Some 30 years before, he accompanied JFK to Dallas, but failed to intercept the fatal bullets. He does not want the mistake repeated. Both Malkovich and Eastwood play men obsessed with their own rules and agendas; the fun lies in watching them test for chinks in each other's armour. Though many of these encounters take place over the phone, there is no lack of drama; indeed, when the film finally broadens into high-tension thrills at the President's fund-raising Los Angeles banquet, you feel almost let down.

Convention dictates there must also be a girl. Rene Russo gets the thankless role of Lilly, Eastwood's new Secret Service colleague. First she spars with the grizzled old-timer: by the end they are billing and cooing. But passing clichés never spoil the main attractions: a story well told, and a Hollywood star who never stops glowing.

Jump cut to Emma Thompson, perched in a tree, getting her lips round Elizabethan English and a selection of luscious grapes. She may have glowed in *Howards End*, but her performance in **Much Ado About Nothing** is enough to suggest that doting husbands make unhelpful directors. Her Beatrice is an irritant: nasal-voiced, pop-eyed and given too many close-ups.

Yet she punches home the romantic mayhem. You can hear and understand every word. The same may be said for most of the trans-atlantic players in Kenneth Branagh's film. This is Shakespeare for the masses, and it comes with every inducement to popular approval, from swirling camerawork and rollicking actors to a poster suggesting a bratpack western.

Judged purely as cinema, however, the film's pleasures prove shallow. Though his handling overall is smoother than before, Branagh remains unduly devoted to tricks that are either outdated (slow-motion photography) or fraught with dangers (fast-travelling camera shots). And while the Tuscan villa location looks splendid, you quickly tire of the unvarying bright sun beating down on every scene.

The rollicking, too, so easily gets out of hand. When Richard Briers's Leonato announces "The revellers are entering," your heart sinks. The worst offender is Michael Keaton's grotesque, grimacing constable Dogberry: the film stops dead whenever he appears.

Others, luckily, are more persuasive. Branagh, as Benedick, the bachelor peacock who jousts with Beatrice, looks good in beard, though he shouts too much. Robert Sean Leonard and Kate Beckinsale make a pretty pair as Claudio and Hero, the thwarted young lovers. Richard Briers strengthens the comedy's darker side when Keanu Reeves, a scowling Don John, poisons his daughter's happiness. But it is Denzel Washington, as the returning warrior Don Pedro, who really stands out: he is the only actor who underplays.

February would have been the perfect time to distribute **Benny's Video**, when the nation writhed in panic over the Jamie Bulger killing and the possible effects of media violence. But a good film never ages, and Michael Haneke's powerful drama about one adolescent's response to video images should not be missed.

Benny, a Viennese 15-year-old, spends most of his time in his darkened room, bombarded with violent images and music. His favourite video moment is the slaughtering of a pig. Alone for the weekend, he brings back a girl from the video shop. She will not survive intact; nor will the family's middle-class façade.

To Haneke, a 50-year-old veteran of television and theatre, his second cinema feature concerns "the progressive emotional glaciation of my country". He also talks of "a polemical statement about American sensational cinema" and the way it saps audiences' minds. Hollywood, though, seems less under attack than bourgeois family values and consumer culture.

Yet in terms of style, the writer-director certainly shapes *Benny's Video* as a riposte to Hollywood overkill. What chills the heart most is what you hear but do not see: screams of agony, gunshots. Haneke keeps his material under awesome control: apart from a brief trip to Egypt, the viewer becomes as much a prisoner of Benny's high-tech tomb as the boy.

The rigorous images give the actors little room to move. No matter: as Benny, Arno Frisch's blank face (given a skinhead's haircut halfway through) still becomes scorched on our memories. An uncomfortable film, perhaps, but an essential one.

So is **Le Samourai**. Jean-Pierre Melville's 1967 masterpiece first surfaced in Britain with damaging cuts, a dubbed soundtrack and coarse colour. Here is the genuine article: a brilliant, haunting gangster thriller, with possibly Alain Delon's best performance as the icy hired gun who loses some of his cool after killing a nightclub boss.

The film's only prominent sign of age is the primitive surveillance equipment used by the cops as they try to nail their prey. Elsewhere, Melville's taut direction, spare dialogue and eerie use of a blue-grey palette keeps the film astonishingly modern. Today's ostentatious directors such as Besson and Beineix could learn a great deal about pace, economy and personal style from this superb Gallic riff on an American genre.

After the minimalist Paris of *Le Samourai*, we leap to a film crowded with Greenwich Village sights and smells. **The Night We Never Met** marks the cinema debut of the playwright and humorist Warren Leight. Some might fault the episodic structure; the rest of us will revel happily in the engaging performances and parade of urban follies.

An apartment rented on a time-share basis supplies the main location. Gourmet cook Matthew Broderick calls it home twice a week; dental assistant Annabella Sciorra claims it on another two days. The remainder belong to Kevin Anderson, macho slob par excellence. Farcical mix-ups multiply, but Leight ensures this is one romantic comedy with truth and tenderness as well as good jokes.

In the Line of Fire
Odeon Leicester Sq, 15, 129 mins
Psychopath versus Clint Eastwood

Much Ado About Nothing
Plaza, PG, 110 mins
Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh

Benny's Video
ICA Cinema, 105 mins
Chilling portrait of adolescence

Le Samourai
Lumiere, PG, 95 mins
Melville's stylised gangster classic

The Night We Never Met
Odeon Haymarket, 15, 99 mins
Endearing New York comedy



Clint Eastwood, "a Hollywood star who never stops glowing", as a secret service agent protecting the American President in Wolfgang Petersen's *In the Line of Fire*

FESTIVAL: **David Robinson** finds old films outshining new at Locarno

Look back for optimistic views

The **Locarno Film Festival** generally reflects current trends in progressive cinema rather accurately; and in this respect an ominous threat hung about this year's event.

As though acknowledging the pointlessness of competing with Hollywood in the business of entertaining and seducing their public, independent film-makers seem instead to have assumed a mission of haranguing audiences with a systematic philosophy of pessimism. Schopenhauer lives: film after film in Locarno insisted on the evil and hopelessness of today's existence. Understandable enough, certainly; but numbing in such united mass.

The Grand Prix winner, Ermek Shimarbaev's *My Life on the Bicorne*, is typical, chronicling the despair of young people in the former Soviet Union. For 80 minutes we observe the apathy of the hero, a young Kazakh intellectual, unable to rouse himself to any activity apart from weary love-making and narcotic overdosing.

The Chinese Zhang Yuan's *Beijing Bastards* offers a very similar report on the young of communist China, represented by a rock group and their friends. Zhang's first film, *Mama*, established him as China's only true independent film-maker; but the repetitive round of drinking, fighting, rape and dejection that intersperses the rock numbers makes *Beijing Bastards* arid viewing.

The dejection seems at least to have some contemporary relevance in the Georgian film *On the Verge*, a finely controlled essay on civil war, written and directed by Dito Tsintsadze. The tragic hero is an intelligent young man who nevertheless falls for the propaganda game, chooses sides, and dutifully hates and ultimately kills those who yesterday were his friends and relations. "There are no winners in civil war," says Tsintsadze. "Only victims."

American independent cinema proves as cheerless. *Two Small Bodies* is made by a director who calls herself enigmatically Beth B., and who reveals herself as a mysogynist feminist, no less. The film has only two characters: Fred Ward plays a cop, using a mixture of brain-washing and sexual harassment to interrogate a woman whose children have been murdered. The film is shrewdly enough made to keep you watching its repellent incidents.

Richard Linklater's *Dazed and Confused* offers an equally nasty picture, this time of American school life in 1976, seen as an orgy of drugs, beer, bullying, primitive initiation ceremonies and crude sexuality. The kid at the end of the film seems to have it right: "If these are the best years of my life, remind me to kill myself."

Even if the British exhibits convey no more comfort, they have at least the vitality of subversion, to which the Swiss audience responded very positively. Gurinder Chadha's *Bhaji on the Beach*, a spirited account of a group of Asian women on a day out in Blackpool, figured among the prize-winners.

Following its Cannes festival award, Ken Loach's marvellous tragi-comedy of Manchester's Catholic unemployed, *Raining Stones*, was shown out of competition.

There were marginally brighter moments in the gloom. Yousri Nasrallah's *Mercedes* knowingly bends the conventions of Egyptian melodrama to paint a shrewd picture of Cairo society on the eve of the Gulf war.

Other directors have reworked familiar historical subjects. Donatello and Fosco Dubini's *Ludwig 1881* (Swiss-German) stars Helmut Berger, reprising his role in Visconti's 1972 *Ludwig II*, for a glumly comic drama about Ludwig's brief idealised passion for the actor Josef Kainz. Peter Sehr's *Kaspar Hauser — Attempt on the Spiritual Life of a Human Being* offers a new theory on the 19th-century "wild boy" who was celebrated in a 1974 film by Werner Herzog.

The festival was ultimately retrieved from suicidal pessimism, however, only by a retrospective of unforeseen delight — unforeseen, at least, to someone whose film education had totally missed out on Sacha Guitry. My generation was taught that Sacha Guitry was an old boulevard ham who only made filmed theatre; and anyway, wasn't he imprisoned after the Liberation?

We were taught wrong. Discovering Guitry is like experiencing Christmas for the first time all over again. A ham, maybe; but as a comic actor he has few equals; and in dramatic roles — as Talleyrand in *Le Diable boiteux* or Louis XIV in *Si Versailles m'etait conté* — he can be devastating.

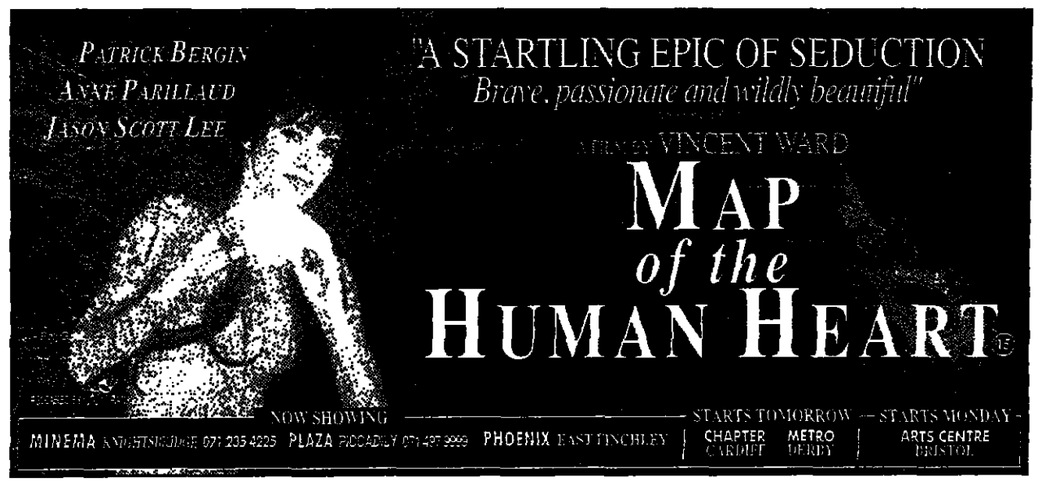
Far from filmed theatre, his work as a director is ceaselessly inventive and totally unconstrained by rules or theory. To the assurance of a lifetime's experience of mise-en-scène he adds an audacity which enables him to pull gags nobody else would dare. He is likely to interrupt his story halfway through to introduce the actors and the technical staff. There is often a touch of Monty Python about the films.

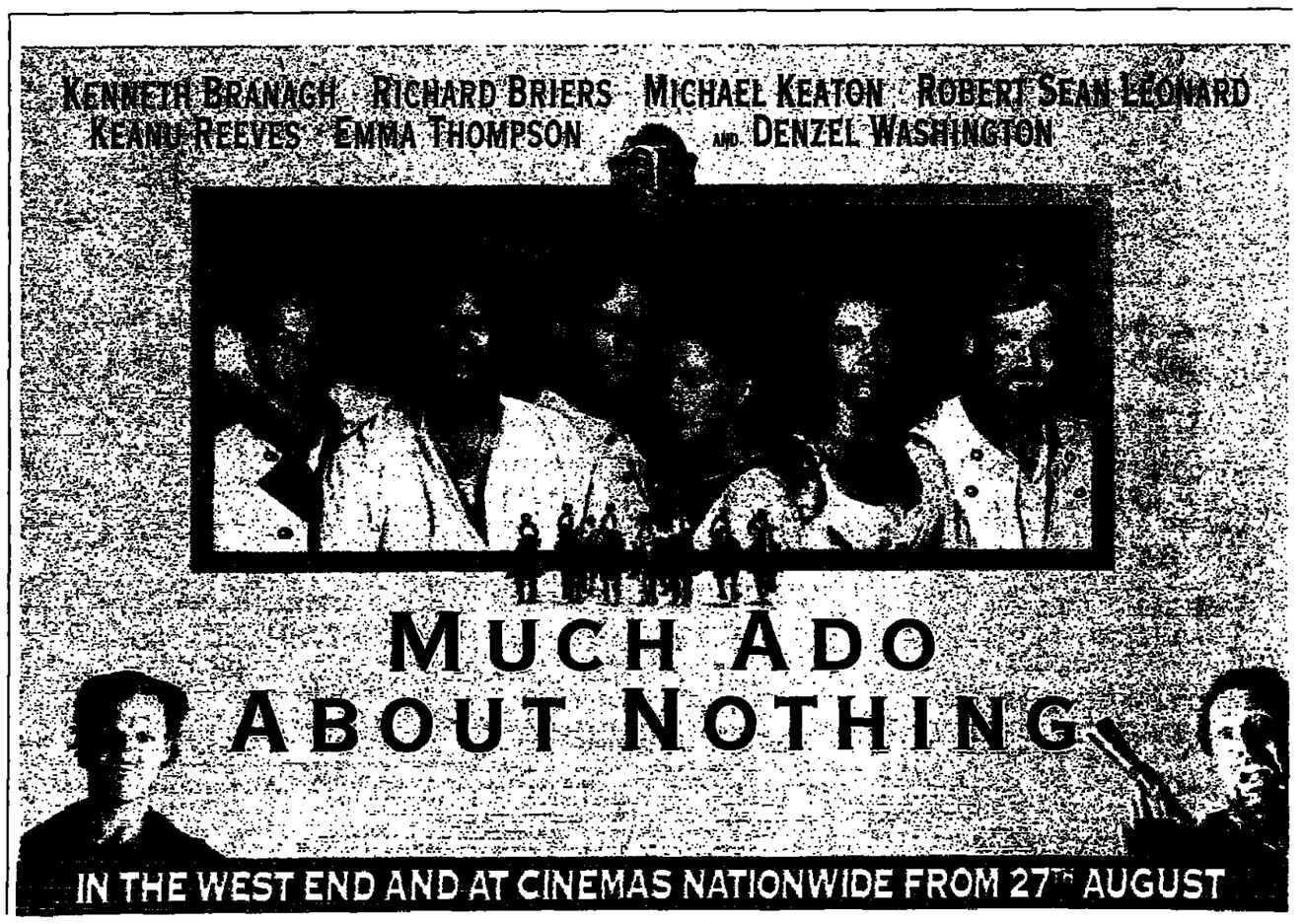
Above all Guitry is a storyteller. He introduces most films in his private person, and keeps up a voice-over commentary. At the service of his stories are shrewdly selected casts — including Michel Simon, Arletty and a succession of brilliant and beautiful Mesdames Guitry — and his own infallibly sparkling dialogue.

The Locarno retrospective assembled fine prints of every one of the 32 films the prolific Guitry made between 1934 and 1957; and the French Ministry of Culture now intends to tour a selected group, which London's National Film Theatre should grab at the first opportunity.



Sacha Guitry: a season of 32 of his films proved a highlight of the festival





TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Pippa Wielgos

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

A SCOTS QUAIR: Glasgow's TAG Theatre dramatises the three parts of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's trilogy, telling the story of Chris Guthrie's journey from life on a remote farm to marriage and politics during the Depression
Assembly Hall, The Mound. *Sunset Song* Today, 2pm, Friday, 7.30pm. *Cloud Howe*, Tonight, 7.30pm. *Grey Granite*, Thurs, 7.30pm. All three parts performed next Saturday, 1pm, 4.30pm and 8pm. Festival box office, 031-225 5756 Ⓢ

SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA: Ivor Bolton conducts the SCO in a double bill of opera: *Busqueda* and *Visitatio Sepulchri*. The first part of the James MacMillan double bill is inspired by the poems of the Mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina (sung in English and Latin); the second takes its cue from religious liturgy
Kings Theatre, Leven Street. Tonight & tomorrow, 7.30pm Ⓢ Festival box office as before

OBERTO, CONTE DI SAN BONIFACIO David Robertson conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in Verdi's first opera, characterised by its powerful writing for the chorus. The performance is juxtaposed with a performance of his last opera, *Falstaff*, later in the Festival, which allows an unusual insight into Verdi's musical development
Usher Hall, Clerk Street, Tonight, 8pm. Festival box office as before

YURI BASHMET. Yuri Bashmet plays the viola to Marais's *Suite in D Minor*, Schumann's *Märchenbilder*, Schubert's *Sonata in A Minor*.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street. Today, 11am. Festival box office as before.

EDINBURGH FRINGE

DR FAUSTUS LIGHTS THE LIGHTS. Gertrude Stein's retelling of the Faust legend, using the lightbulb as an image of man's achievement. Directed by Robert Wilson and performed by the Hebbel Theatr, Berlin, in English
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street. Tonight-Saturday, 7.30pm. Festival box office as before.
Venue 77, The Square Centre, Nicholson Square. Tonight-Sat, 4.30pm.

ORESTES. The Foad Theatre Company performs Euripides's play as an angry black comedy about heroism, madness and matricide.
Venue 77, The Square Centre, Nicholson Square (031-226 5257). Tonight-Sat, 4.30pm.

WHO KILLED TCHAIKOVSKY Level Five Theatre Company presents a new play commemorating the 100th anniversary of the composer's death, an attempt to unravel the mystery surrounding the event based on the most recent information to have emerged from Russia.
Festival Club, 9-5 Chambers Street (031-650 2395). Tonight-Sat, 6.05pm

ELSEWHERE

LONDON Alexander Rahbari makes his Coliseum debut conducting the ENO in Verdi's majestic **Simon Boccanegra**. David Alden's production returns to the Coliseum for the first time in five years. Set in 14th-century strife-torn Genoa, Verdi's opera gives a powerful evocation of the character of Boccanegra. Gregory Yurisich stars
London Coliseum. Tonight, Sat, 7.30pm. Box office 071-836 3161

LONDON: The Cenci, Shelley's only stage play, deals with patriarchal tyranny and murder in 16th-century Italy. Here revived for the Shelley bicentenary
Lyric Studio, King St, Hammersmith (081-741 2311) + Mon to Sat 7.30pm, mats Sat 2.30pm. Till Sept 11

LONDON. In tonight's **Proms** Pinchas Zuckerman conducts the English Chamber Orchestra in Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin*, Beethoven's Violin *Concerto in D major*, and Schubert's *Symphony No 3 in D Major*
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, London SW7 (071-589 8212) Ⓢ Tonight 7.30pm.

LONDON: Moana Nepia and Dancers presents *Zodiac*, as part of the "Mosaics" season. *Zodiac* features six women dancers, an actor and singer
Sadler's Wells, Lilian Baylis Theatre, Arlington Way, EC1 (071-837 4104) Tonight, 7.45.

LONDON: The **Union Dance company** peforms works by Cuban Eduardo Rivera and new choreography by Denise Wong and Bunty Mattias
Victoria Embankment Gardens, Charing Cross, WC2. (071-287 0907). 12.30pm. (Free)

BRISTOL. Julia Foster and Derek Griffiths in the **Rise and Fall of Little Voice**, with Helen Sheals as the songbird chirping for freedom.
Theatre Royal, King Street (0272-250250) Ⓢ Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sat.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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☐ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top-quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in LA and the world of the private-eye movie
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Wed-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **CRAZY FOR YOU.** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical *Girl Crazy*
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Thurs-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

☐ **GORMENGHAST:** The David Glass Ensemble in London again after another nationwide tour with their thrilling version of Mervyn Peake
Lyric, King St, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311) Ⓢ. Thurs-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat 28, 2.30pm. Last performance Aug 28.

☐ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, 190mins Ⓢ

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Tonight & Sat, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

☐ **THE INVISIBLE MAN:** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Thurs-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **THE LAST YANKEE** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere: Margot Leicester, Matthew Marsh lead a quartet of troubled Americans
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Thurs-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm. 90mins Ⓢ

☐ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex. Peter Hall's vigorously phallic production.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

◩ **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue, with Mark Rylance and Janet McTeer, proves funnier and friendlier than many a subsidised production.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Thurs-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

☐ **PRESENT LAUGHTER:** Tom Conti is seriously off-target in the Noel Coward role which the author himself described as "a mixture of self-exposure and self-celebration"
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Thurs-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heartfelt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of one of Terence Rattigan's biggest successes
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins. Ⓢ

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest musical success. His treatment is perhaps more romantic and less cynical than the original 1950s Billy Wilder film of the same story, but a thrilling theatrical occasion nevertheless. Trevor Nunn directs
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Thurs-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm.

☐ **THE WINTER'S TALE.** John Nettles, Samantha Bond and Richard McCabe star in a sublimely moving production of Shakespeare's drama of love loss and reconciliation. This Royal Shakespeare Company production is directed by Adrian Noble and is claimed to be the best for the past two decades.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. 180mins

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) .. ◩ **Cats**, New London (071-405 0072) .. ◩ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**, Lyric (071-494 5045) ◩ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) .. **Les Misérables**, Palace (071-434 0909) .. ◩ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**, St Martin's (071-836 1443) .. ☐ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) .. ◩ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) .. ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (PG): Welcome revival of Marcel Carné and Jacques Prévert's classic — a triumphant blend of 19th-century stage history, fantasy and romance. With Arletty, Jean-Louis Barrault, Pierre Brasseur.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX** (12): Yet another wearisome spoof of the *Rambo* school, with Charlie Sheen, Lloyd Bridges and Valeria Golino
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Odeon West End** (0426-915 574) **Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

LAWS OF GRAVITY (18): A film about the lives of petty thieves on Brooklyn's mean streets. This is a first feature from the writer-director Nick Gomez. Plus Tim Pope's teasing short *Phone*
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043)

EL MARIACHI (15). Musician and hitman get confused in a Mexican border town. Enjoyable no-budget action romp from a promising new talent, Robert Rodriguez.
Odeon Kensington (0426-914 666) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520).

CURRENT

APRES L'AMOUR (15) French love tangles, carefully unravelled by director Diane Kurys and an excellent cast, including Isabelle Huppert.
Curzon Mayfair (071-499 3737)

◆ **BARAKA** (PG): A perfect coffee table book of a film, surveying the world's miseries and wonders from Kuwait to Kathmandu. Director-photographer, Ron Fricke.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

CHAIN OF DESIRE (18) Smart sexual escapades across New York, inspired by *La Ronde*. Temistocles Lopez directs a choice cast: Linda Fiorentino, Seymour Cassel, Assumpta Serna, Elias Koteas.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

◆ **MAD DOG AND GLORY** (15) Gangster Bill Murray rewards forlorn drudge Robert De Niro by giving him Uma Thurman for a week.director, John McNaughton.
Empire (071-437 1234/497 9999) **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332).

PUERTO ESCONDIDO (15): The tale of a Milanese bank clerk who, dogged by a killer policeman, hides away in Mexico. This is Gabriele Salvatores's flimsy follow-up to the similarly useless *Mediterraneo*, and features Diego Abatantuono and Valeria Golino.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **THE SNAPPER** (15): Roddy Doyle's raucous tale of an unexpected pregnancy. Strong performances (Tina Kellegher, Colm Meaney), though Stephen Frears's film suits television best
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **MGM Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Plaza** Ⓢ (071-437 1234/497 9999) **Screen on the Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366)

THE VANISHING (12): Forget Hollywood's remake: see this splendid Dutch version of George Sluizer's tale about the disappearing girlfriend. With Bernard-Pierre Donnadieu.
Metro (071-437 0757).

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL: Two Fringe theatre reviews and an official concert

Elegy for war's eternal victims

Crossfire
Traverse

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

AMID sandbags, oil drums and pyres, a boy and girl play at war. The girl's doll is subjected to bombing, shrapnel injuries, cauterisation and amputation. "You can pull off everything," says the girl. "But once you get rid of the head, she dies."

A gift flutters to earth on a little parachute: a remote-control toy lorry, eagerly seized by the boy. He dies in the resulting explosion (a wonderful backflip through the air by George Eggay) and his playmate takes it out on the doll. RIP!

The prologue to the Dijon-based playwright Michel Azama's *Croisades* (the irony implicit in Crusades or holy wars permeates the play) austerely defines its terms: uncomprehended war, the death of loved ones, revenge, brutalisation, war...

Religious strife destroys the boyhood friendship of Yonathan and Ismail. In no man's land, Ismail loves gun-toting Bella, the enemy. Her pregnancy, far from uniting them, ends in death, much as Ismail eventually kills his best friend, Yonathan.

So far so predictable; but the play's texture is enriched by threads from the great tapestry of the dead. A peasant woman trudges on in search of the Jerusalem she has sought for 800 years, since she lost her young in the bloody farce of the children's crusade. Stephanie Fayerman makes her into a broody Mother Courage: sceptical, self-aware but still hopeful.

These elderly angels are the very French version of a celestial reception committee. Celia Hewitt and George Parsons are funny and touching as they bicker about their mortal past when not warily welcoming the newly dead.

And the dead keep coming — the Hindu untouchable, crewman of a ship sunk in the Gulf: an American Indian burnt by the Inquisition; the US mercenary blown up in Vietnam (Nigel Whitmey, raging like a young De Niro) none of them going gentle into that good night.

For two-and-a-quarter hours without interval, what might have emerged as a series of politically correct tirades never loosens its grip on the audience. This British première, produced in association with the Soho Theatre Company at the Cockpit, is a triumph for the Paines Plough company.

Anna Furse's direction is beautifully controlled, eschewing cliché, sentimentality and melodrama. This last is only just the case in the climactic scene where the dead refuse to lie down, and the stage is as full of writhing figures as a painted Judgment Day.

Nigel Gearing's excellent translation and Stephen Warbeck's unobtrusively atmospheric music bring out the play's power while avoiding the florid or rhetorical. Azama's writing manages to combine passion with a refusal to preach.

Bella opens her womb and gives birth to sand. The medieval mother pours her children's ashes on to the all-receiving earth and sets off on the dark path to the future. "Is there anyone?" she asks at the end. "Someone, surely there's still someone."

The audience has uncomfortably to find its own answer.

MARTIN HOYLE



Paines Plough's *Crossfire*, translated from Michel Azama's *Croisades*

THEATRE

Popping, swapping

The Soirée
Demarco Foundation

FROM behind a screen, inch by inch, a woman with her back to the audience is edging into a beam of light. *The Soirée*, a dance piece presented by the Hungarian Compagnie Yvette Bozsik, starts as it means to go on: it is a transfixing and complex scene.

The young woman's motion is at once a wriggle and a flutter. She may be an aristocrat of the *ancien régime* fussily checking her face in an invisible mirror, or a Japanese lady mincing forwards with the supremely genteel but somehow powerless strict shuffles of Noh theatre.

When she flicks open a fan, a puff of powder — or maybe age-old dust — explodes then falls in a fine rain. At one moment she seems like a futuristic automaton programmed to perpetuate the stereotypes of femininity. At another, she goes as floppy as a rag doll. At points, she seems to crumble slowly from the ankles upwards like a collapsing building. In contemporary terms, she is a debutante at her coming-out ball. She seems sexily nubile yet terminally ill: the image of a society that has burnt out.

Another woman, older and more knowing, sits at a distance, resembling some poisonous crustacean. Her blue-black evening dress is stiff, an ecto-skeleton except for the Spanish flurries of fabric down each side. Sometimes bored and sometimes predatory, she waits to pincer a beau, drumming her fingernails against each other and with her crossed legs pressed together, seductive and spring-loaded.

The Soirée, though based on Sartre's *Huis Clois*, is essentially a witty satire of social mannerisms and different kinds of soirées across the ages: salons; discos; nights in with the video. Forceful and surprising, it runs through comic absurdities and into the emotional distress of a love triangle. The ménage à trois is portrayed by Yvette Bozsik, outstanding and only 25 years old: muscular, amusing Eva Magyar; and Zoltán Rajkai, a kind of Nureyev-meets-Olivier.

Though the latter two are usually actors in Budapest's renowned Katona theatre, their dancework is outstanding. They meld ballet and flamenco with body-popping, break-dancing and the freeze-frame postures of vogueing. Swiss composer Jean Phillippe Heritier is equally eclectic, utilising African beats, orchestral classics and the jumping-needle effect of scratch music. The meaning of the three model puffins at the back was lost on me, but the choreography and Heritier's intricately overlaid soundtrack combine tantalising elusiveness with endless suggestiveness.

This is universal theatre. Thank God for Richard Demarco, importing works like this from Eastern Europe to Edinburgh. England is missing out.

KATE BASSETT

CONCERT

Unfair competition

Die Freunde von Salamanka/Sárka
Usher Hall

THERE has been much discussion about whether Schubert and Janáček, Edinburgh's featured composers this year, go together or complement each other as opposites. Whatever one's views on that argument, to put a patchy piece by one next to an assuredly accomplished work by the other seems perverse, even though both works here were early efforts and virtually unknown.

Schubert came off worse. His Singspiel *Die Freunde von Salamanka*, one of four such works composed in 1815, is in any case missing its Spiel since Schubert's score did not include the words and Mayrhofer, their author, destroyed them. So the musical numbers only sketch the bare bones of a lightweight plot: the romantic awakening of a reluctant Countess; the comeuppance of an arrogant Count. Jeremy Sams has fleshed out the detail with his witty narration, delivered here with a lovely droll humour by Juliet Stevenson.

The music only occasionally shows touches of Schubertian magic. Otherwise it is characterised by a fluent but often colourless pastoralism, though there is much technical skill to admire, particularly in the ensembles.

The singing and playing in this concert performance were adequate but not much more. Rufus Müller, Christopher Ventris and Neal Davies capably sang the parts of the three friends, Alonso, Diego and Fidelio. Their opposite numbers, the Countess Olivia, Laura and Eusebia, were delivered in like manner by Anne Dawson, Rebecca Evans and Alwyn Mellor. Richard Coxon offered a blustering Count Tomes and Peter Sidhom and Jonathan Best completed the cast with appealing vignettes.

Janáček's *Sárka* comes from 1887-8, when the composer was in his thirties, so we might already reasonably expect more of it on those grounds alone. The composer found it lying in a chest some 30 years later and got a pupil, Osvald Chlubna, to orchestrate the third act. Later still he revised the work himself. It stands as a wonderfully rich, darkly dramatic work, concise in plot and manner but full of signposts to Janáček's operatic future; much of the language of *Jenufa* is already here.

In this generally gutsy performance, the most impressive singing came from Helena Kaupová, powerfully seductive as the female warrior Sárka. William Kendall's Ctirad, her enemy and would-be lover, sang with apposite heroism. Christopher Ventris and Neal Davies offered sterling support, while the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra played well enough under the slightly leaden conducting of David Robertson. Now let us see the work on stage.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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Of cults, chaos and causality

Greek composer Iannis Xenakis talks to **Hilary Finch** about his new version of Euripides' *Bacchae*, premiered next week

Iannis Xenakis is sitting on a low chair in his high, wooden atelier in the heart of Montmartre. Outside, the door is pressed in upon by countless tiny shops advertising guitars, percussion, cymbals, electronics. Around him, inside, are piles of open, half-read books: Aeschylus, *Conversations sur l'invisible*, the latest on the Dead Sea Scrolls, a copy of *Scientific American*.

Xenakis, his 70-year-old face sculpted by a severe injury from the Greek War of Resistance into a mask-like archetype of tragic-comic duality, is meditating on snakes. "I like snakes. It is the only creature which has continuous movement. You know, the goddess Athena had snakes all over her tunic. They were sacred because they went down into the earth and symbolised contact with the dead. With their power she calmed the Furies. And there was a snake goddess, too, even earlier, in the Mycenean and Minoan traditions, when already Dionysus appeared in inscriptions."

The composer's reflections circle round his latest project, *The Bacchae*, a music-theatre work specially written for David Freeman and Opera Factory London, who present its world premiere at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Wednesday. The production, Freeman promises, will relate visually more to Mycenean Greece in 1250BC than to the Classical Greece of Euripides.

"I must tell you," muses Xenakis, "that Euripides is not my favourite writer. I distrust him. His language is not exactly cheap, but, well... Unlike Aeschylus, he wrote at the very end of an age. After him so-called poets wrote in a made-up language, a pastiche of Homeric text. Yet Euripides alone asked what is God? No one else could have asked that question at that time."

For Euripides, Dionysus, son of Zeus and god of wine and ecstasy, takes revenge on the House of Thebes, who deny his divinity, by luring all the women of Thebes to the mountains where, out of their minds, they follow his Bacchanalian rituals. "You know, the rite continues today. They tear up live animals in Brazil. It is the black tradition from Africa, with dancing and music. And there is something similar in northern Greece and southern Bulgaria, under the guise of a festival to St Constantine. Rejected, of course, by the official church."

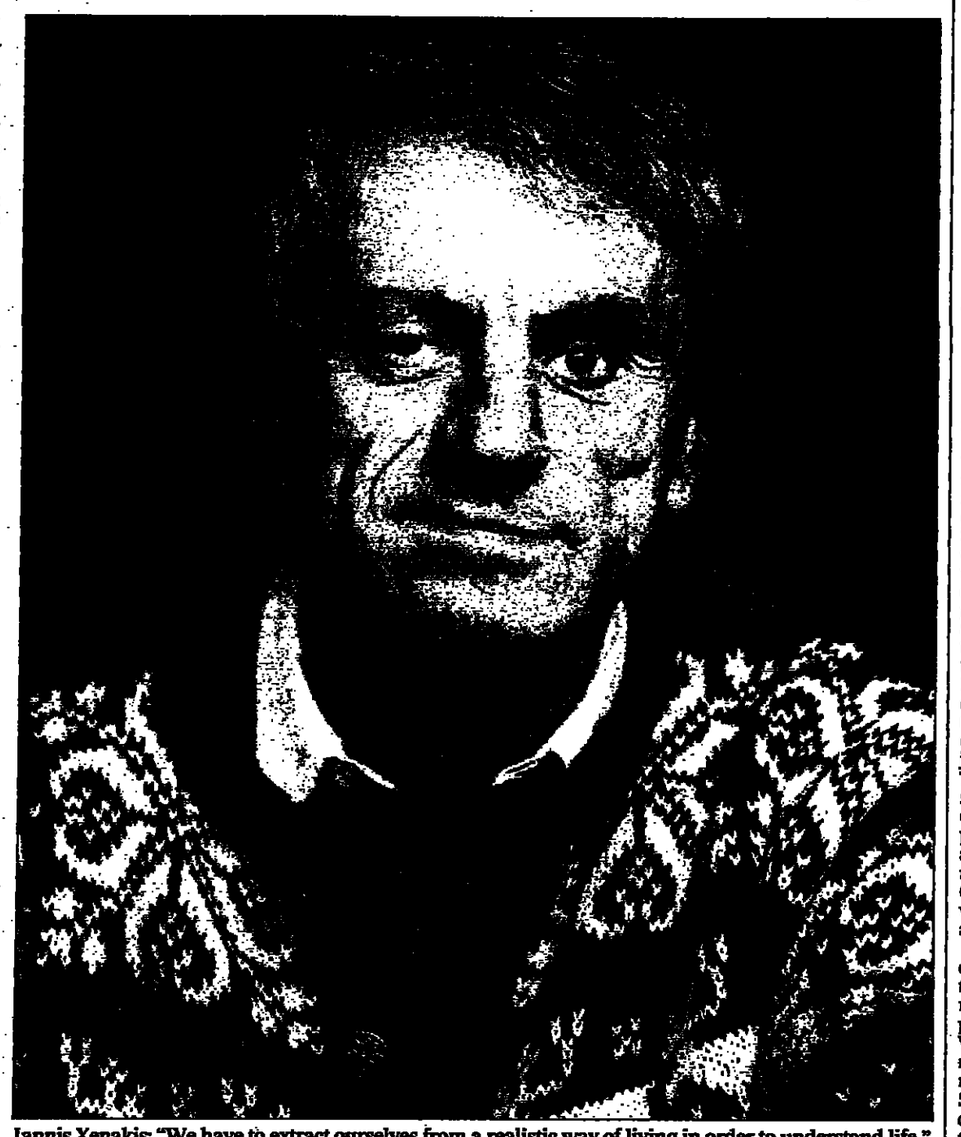
In the West, too, *The Bacchae* has been very much the flavour of the last two years, with new operas on the subject from John Buller for English National Opera, and Daniel Börtz for the Royal Opera, Stockholm. Here, after all, is a drama about the catastrophic consequences of the emergence of a cult in a society where the decline of institutionalised religion is itself a symptom of social and political instability. Here, too, is a drama whose formal simplicity (prologue, five dramatic episodes alternating with choral odes) articulates a synthesis of dance, speech and song ideally sympathetic to composers who are re-assessing the whole business of music theatre and the possibility or impossibility of opera.

> 'Euripides alone asked what is God. No one else asked that at that time'

For Xenakis, *The Bacchae* comes as a natural successor to a long line of Greek music-theatre pieces, usually for chorus and instrumental ensemble, which he has been producing since the 1960s. *Oresteia*, of 1965, created the distinctive new sound world which was to characterise them all: a fusion of precise patternings of an ancient Greek metre and inflection, dance rhythms and a hard, bright, percussive palette of instrumental colours. *Medea*, of 1967, exploited the violent sonorities of Seneca's text; then came *A Colonne* (1977), a melancholy male-voice chant for 5th-century Athens, when Dionysus was a mere memory.

More recently two pieces surfaced for insertion into *Oresteia*, though they can also be performed independently. In *Kassandra* (1987), a baritone, accompanying himself on a psalterion, sings falsetto as Kassandra and in his bass range as an old man of Argos. In *The Goddess Athena*, written just last year, this divided, androgynous vocal writing is developed further; and *The Bacchae's* Dionysus makes the same demands of its baritone soloist.

Practical considerations have been foremost in the chorus writing. No special pneumatic notation as in *Kassandra*, no use of ancient modes as in *Oresteia*, no microtones as in *Medea*. Freeman will be using a mixed company of singers and actors, and the writing has to be in a small enough vocal range to enable them to move as freely as both Xenakis and Freeman demand. The importance of freedom of movement and of stage ritual is, indeed, what has deterred Xenakis from ever writing an opera.



Iannis Xenakis: "We have to extract ourselves from a realistic way of living in order to understand life."

"I have been asked many times, but for me it is not a true thing." Xenakis feels that opera has developed to the point where its expression has become pretentious, contrived. Freedom of movement and of expression is compromised and becomes artificial through the demands made by the singing itself.

For Xenakis, one-time architect, civil engineer and close collaborator for 15 years with Le Corbusier, music is essentially an abstract art. "I have a theory that it is the eyes which relate to realistic things. The ears are *behind* the eyes, not being used in relationship to material objects. The ears have more time to think. They deal in abstractions. And I believe that we have to extract ourselves from a realistic way of living in order to understand life."

At his state-funded laboratory of computer music at the Centre National de Telecommunications in Paris, Xenakis continues to explore sound composed and transformed according to laws from the mathematics of probability and chance: "The dynamics of chaos, if you like. It is very fashionable today. But I started exploring it orchestrally in the 1950s. Slowly we discover chaos is not as chaotic as it seems.

"A certain physicist, working on theories of causality, found that the movement of a butterfly's wing here could cause a devastating storm in Australia. The philosophers of ancient Greece, of course, also glimpsed these things."

● The Bacchae *opens at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) on Wednesday*

RADIO REVIEW

Nobbling the jury twice over

Is it not a waste of time to reconstruct a trial without analysing the issues at stake?

On Monday night, cries of "pig" and "racist" were ringing out on Radio 4 for more than two hours. The BBC had co-operated with the Chicago public radio station WFTM, and the actors' group Los Angeles Theatre Works (LATW), to recreate **The Chicago Conspiracy Trial** of 1969. But I think these worthy bodies with their dry acronyms were rather carried away by the excitement of it all.

It was certainly an amazing trial. A group of eight men — students, a Black Panther, a radical lawyer, Yippies — were charged with conspiring to incite a riot during the Democratic Convention in Chicago the previous year. The defendants tried to turn the trial into political theatre. They brought a North Vietnamese flag into the courtroom and laid it by the side of the American flag. Disgusting abuse volleyed constantly round the heads of the judge and the prosecuting counsel. The court itself was jeered at as a "giant pig pen". The argument often dwelt on such issues as whether "barbecue the pork" meant "kill the police". Allen Ginsberg, called as a witness, read a poem to the jury about a wet dream. One defendant, Bobby Seale, was gagged and manacled for a time to keep him quiet.

All this was very vividly enacted, with actors playing the characters in the courtroom, and some of the participants adding their comments. What we did not get — even now, 25 years later — was any real analysis of the issues. Several of the defendants were convicted on charges relating to rioting, though they were all cleared of conspiracy. But were they guilty or not? Even that basic question was not discussed in the programme.

The judge was sympathetically portrayed, as he struggled to keep to the forms of law under appalling conditions. But on the whole the programme leaned towards friendship to the defendants' claims, if only by the time and volume it allowed them: the protesters declared they were highlighting the lack of democracy in the Democratic Party, they were showing up the racist administration of justice, they were helping to found a new culture, the whole world was listening to them... Nobody questioned what kind of society would really be created by men so self-righteous, so riddled with hatred, so indifferent to the rule of law.

Worst of all, I thought, was the allegation, emphatically made, that the court put pressure on the jury to bring in a guilty verdict. A woman juror who was interviewed complained about the way the jury were sequestered, and the juror's daughter was heard saying "It was just like a police state." But the juror herself, after she had finished grumbling, acknowledged that they would never have been able to do their job if they had been allowed home at night. In the end, I am sorry to say, this programme failed: it disseminated old political clichés, rather than taking the opportunity to debate the important issues afresh.

We were a world away during the Proms interval talk on Sunday night, **Elgar and the Blind Organist** (Radio 3). William Wolstenholme was a blind friend of Elgar's who became in his day a well-known composer of short organ pieces and songs. Elgar was the best of friends to him, and this talk was based on the hitherto unpublished correspondence between them. Elgar copied for Wolstenholme, and even learnt Braille as an act of friendship: their diverging fame never made them any the less understanding of each other's problems.

The combination of high aspiration and homeliness in Elgar's letters was typical of him, and very attractive: "Mixing money with music is like salting pigs in ash," he wrote (he was innocent of other meanings of the word "pig"). Kenneth Shenton told the story admirably, and it was an apt introduction to the work that followed, Elgar's *The Music Makers*, which is a kind of letter in music on just the same subjects.

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THEATRE: **Jeremy Kingston** finds elation turning to dismay

Satirist left in rags

The Beggar's New Clothes
Cockpit, NW8

Critics love to enthuse over a show. Discouraging readers from seeing something feeble may be our social duty, but urging you to share in some happy experience is what warms our altruistic hearts.

This updated version of *The Beggar's Opera* was pressing, till well into the second half, the enthusiasm button. Dic Edwards has spiked his new lyrics with acid, the dialogue is funny; performances tingle with energy and directorial ideas are adventurous. Furthermore, Tom Hadley's simple set looks so good. A few boxes of old clothes serve for chairs and a bed, and no other furniture is provided, but a cloud of bleached garments soars up the full height of the rear wall, like white witches taking off for *Walpurgisnacht*.

Peach (Mark Heal) is in the used-clothes business, Macheath (Danny Sapani) runs a protection racket, and the character representing corrupt authority is Nickum (Phil McDermott), tax inspector, every mention of whose name is followed by five warning notes on the double-bass, as if the *Close Encounters* theme was being played at very low speed.

The Beggar's Opera is a mould for all seasons. When a playwright wishes to attack rascality, hypocrisy and corruption in high places, he can always adapt John Gay's story, change the lyrics, add a few contemporary tunes (the original songs were the popular airs of the day) and presto! — society roasts in his satire. Or would do if Edwards's declared belief in the power of theatre were borne out by reality.

He prefaces the show with a brief criticism of mere entertainment, and tells us to listen to the words. Which we do. With relish. He can rhyme Schopenhauer with petit-bourgeois, which is pretty classy, and not only does he make Peach a quick-witted, silver-tongued cynic, but in Heal he has a comic actor of the agility and vocal inflections to exploit the character's rich potential.



Dapper Macheath (Danny Sapani) loses his trousers in the Cockpit's adaptation of *The Beggar's Opera*

Edwards replaces the hordes of beggars, flaunting their non-existent injuries, with hoards of fashionably distressed clothing. "For the rich to wear used jeans is equivalent to buggering the poor without risk." The fit of his updated version does not bear detailed examination, but the surrounding commentary can be sharp.

So what goes wrong in the second half? The stammering Filch is so comically pathetic as Dylan Brown plays him that we have been enticed into ignoring the adage that nice people do not laugh at the consonantly challenged. But suddenly he must posture as a Mafia man, the dapper Sapani is seen to be on heroin (for no good reason), and even the singing becomes muddy, cramming too many words to a note. Macheath offers to give Polly (Anna Galvin) his lollipop: I should like to have heard her reply.

Yet the memory of the good moments persists. Gordon Anderson's direction for 606 Theatre craftily integrates the six-piece chamber orchestra, EOS, into the action, so that when Mrs Peach (Lucy Tregear) is warned to be on her guard, the trombones close in and threaten her with their jabbing metal-work. 606 is a vigorous company, teeming with ideas, and I enjoyed their *Honest Whore* at the Boulevard last year. But they have not pulled off so unified a work this time, and it is perverse to have found no way to include "Over the hills and far away", the original show's only famous tune.

ARTS BRIEFING

Brighter Barbican

THEO Crosby, the architect appointed to brighten up the Barbican Centre and give its self-effacing entrances more glamour, has revealed his plans. A "grand new welcoming entrance hall" on the Silk Street side is his primary aim: this will boast a new glass canopy on which gold statues of the nine Greek muses will sit, in a manner reminiscent of the posher 1930s cinemas. The statues will be designed by Bernard Sindall. Then, on the canopy ceiling, a "path of light" will apparently draw patrons into the Centre. Next to that, a new artists' entrance is promised as being "brightly lit, gay with coloured glass, a place for triumphant entrances and exits".

Those approaching the Centre on the walkway from Moorgate station will no longer have any excuse for being perplexed by the concrete jungle: a 20ft-long gilded sculpture by Matthew Spender will soon "float, glow and point the way" above their heads. Not that there will be much chance of missing the Barbican Hall. Its outer walls, according to the architect, "are to be repainted with an enormous pointillist mural of gentle swirling colours, rising from dark red at the lowest levels to pale blue and pinks in the upper foyer". The only danger in future, it seems, is that patrons will be so dazzled by their entrance into the Centre that the performances inside may come as an anticlimax.

● AFTER a small matter of 40 years apart, some of the veterans of the British jazz scene will reunite next week, when Kenny Baker's Dozen plays at Ronnie Scott's in Birmingham. Trumpet-player Baker is himself now 72, and his Dozen (in this case liberally interpreted as 15 players) has not played together since its weekly radio slots in the early 1950s. Indeed, it only played twice in front of a live audience: at the Albert Hall accompanying Billie Holiday, and on the television show, *Six-Five Special*.

PROM REVIEW: **Hilary Finch**

Two successive wins for Norway

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The Albert Hall was transformed into the Hall of the Mountain King himself on Tuesday night, at the second of the Oslo Philharmonic's pair of Proms. A tumultuous thunder of stamping feet demanded even more than this, the third encore; but it was enough, and 20 minutes after the official end of the concert, the auditorium began to empty.

We had already heard a blazing extract from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet*, and before that Peer Gynt's "Solveig's Song", offered as ransom by an orchestra which the Prommers simply refused to let go. And with justification: this had been an extraordinary evening. The Prokofiev had looked over its shoulder to the primitivism of Stravinsky's *Firebird* Suite which the orchestra had played earlier; the Grieg, in its own way, to the merriment and melancholy of a kindred folk spirit in Dvořák's Eighth Symphony.

These two works revealed and confirmed all that one so looks forward to now in the playing of the Oslo Philharmonic under Mariss Jansons. The seemingly endlessly variegated colours of the strings created their own shimmering movement in the Princess's Round Dance; the strength and character of their brass players was epitomised by the trombone playing in Kastchei's Infernal Dance.

By the time the Dvořák had been reached, the orchestra was playing at the height of its powers. From the glowing contour of the solemn opening theme, with lower strings and wind unified in a single sharp focus, to the buoyancy maintained through the third movement's waltz, and on into the finale, this was a performance radiant and exuberant with the physical joy of song and dance.

The Stravinsky had been preceded by an uncharacteristically edgy, though still stimulating performance by Yuri Bashmet of Bartók's Viola Concerto. And before this, the Oslo Philharmonic had presented the somewhat belated British premiere of Ragnar Soderlind's 1968 *Trauermusik*.

A short, deeply felt protest against the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia, its short, eruptive opening motifs, alternating with a sudden, hushed in-breath of horns and solo violin, grew into a pivotal funeral march, and expanded with urgent purpose and considerable art to make the work as potent today as it must have been 25 years ago.

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Live and let live in the veld

André Brink's novel about South Africa's origins impresses despite its preaching, says **Sean French**

Estienne Barbier, an authentic figure boldly appropriated by André Brink for his new novel, was born in 1699 in France and grew up in Orléans. In 1735 he arrived as an agent of the Dutch government in the colony that would later become the Republic of South Africa. He swiftly obtained employment from the ubiquitous East India Company and joined an expedition inland to explore the possibility of extending the company's reach. A dubious character, he seems to have been dismayed by the corruption he found in the company's affairs, the bribery, intimidation and restraint of trade which hampered the colonising efforts of the white farmers. Barbier switched sides to become a leader of a makeshift rebellion and was ultimately caught, tried and executed.

A chancer, caught between the warring tribes of South Africa and destroyed, Barbier is a potent enough symbol in himself of conflict, but Brink, Professor of English at Cape Town University, has made him a much more intensely literary figure. Barbier is telling the story from his condemned cell, in the form of a letter written in his head to an African woman who cannot read. He is a compulsive fabulist, constantly inventing, contradicting himself, apologising and the most impressive aspect of the book is the plausible sense Brink conveys of Europeans finding what they want to find in what they see as the empty space of Africa.

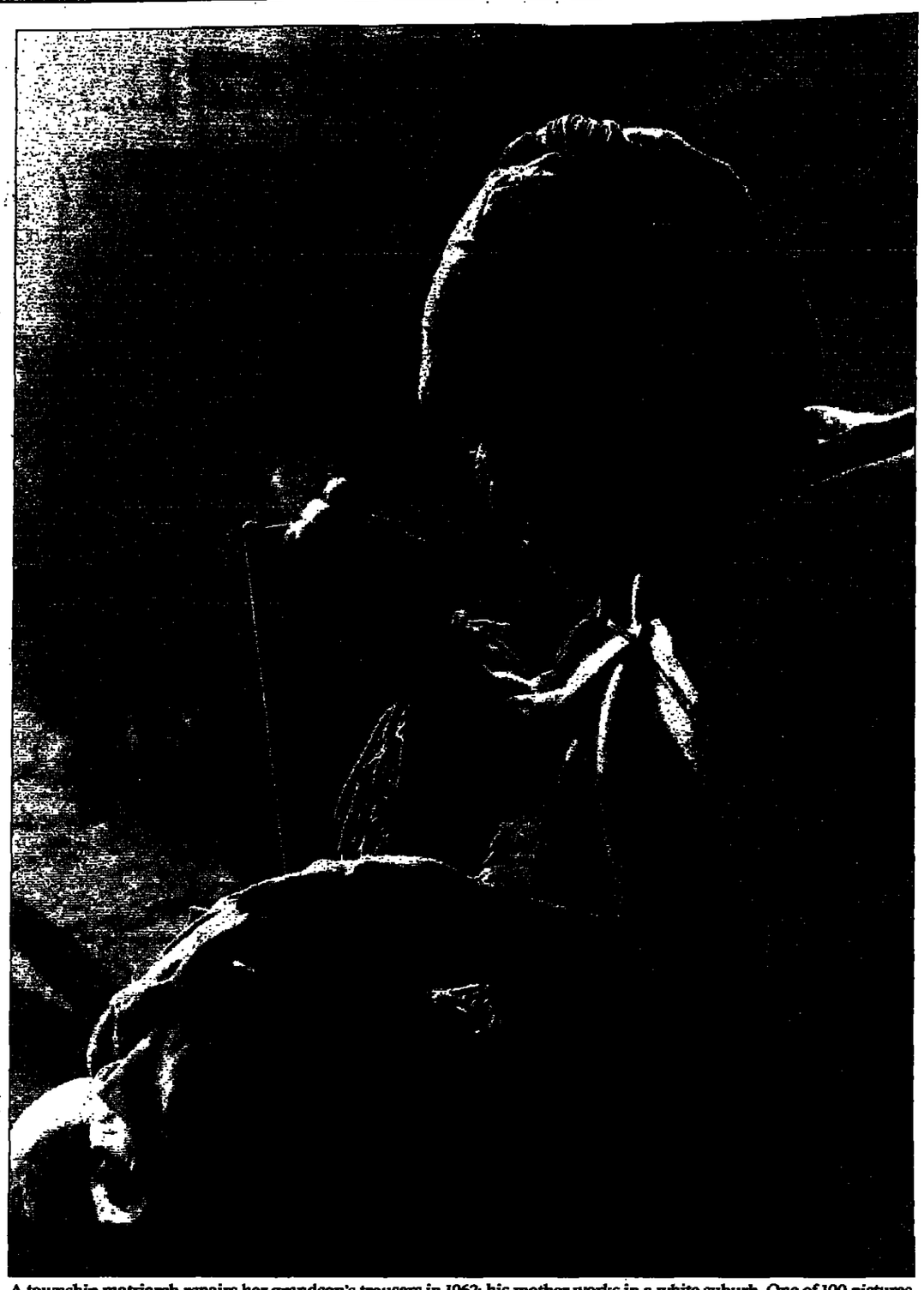
Barbier attempts to accommodate the exotic fauna he witnesses to his own preconceived ideas of what mythological creatures ought to look like — he believes that he sees a unicorn and a hippogryph. The political struggles are imported directly from Europe and to all this the native inhabitants of the region, with their apparently unknowable culture, are at best an irrelevance, scarcely visible: "We annihilate kraals and villages and settlements of hostile or indifferent natives, with the single purpose of leaving on that virgin barren place the scrawl of our progress. *We were here.*"

Barbier is haunted by the two women, whom he addresses constantly in his mind, Joan of Arc, the saint of his home town, who seems to stand for the European imagination at its best, with its sense of the individual conscience and its responsibilities: and Rosette, a black slave, an enthralling teller of stories, whom he has helped to escape.

This is an intensely academic literary book that brandishes its symbols in your face and then explains them to you just so that you don't miss the point. "There are so few certainties," Barbier laments. "Would that stones were only stones, and rivers nothing but rivers, and the yellow puffballs of thorntrees merely dust; that things had no meaning beyond themselves: existing, having as their only meaning themselves." Later, when he has retreated out of the world of struggle between the government and the colonists, finally recognising the status of the natives: "I no longer know the names of the places I pass by. All the earlier names are now inadequate. I possess nothing. I have to learn anew, not their names but *them*. The stoneness of a stone, the ridgeness of a ridge, the thorniness of a thorntree, the silence."

ON THE CONTRARY
By André Brink
Secker & Warburg, £14.99

This is Brink the pedagogue, rather than Brink the artist, instructing us that the South African crisis is essentially a semiological confusion: that, if Jacques Derrida could be invited to join the negotiations with de Klerk and Mandela, then the transition to majority rule could be managed peacefully. *On the Contrary* is an immensely generous novel, vivid and adroit in its use of history. It may well be that events in South Africa are now more important than mere literature and that Brink has acted rightly in putting his imagination at the service of current events. And if occasionally we feel badgered by the author, well, perhaps this is a time for preaching. Impressive as it is, this novel lacks literature's arrogant autonomy, the indulgent pleasure in narrative and language. I hope Brink will find more time for them in his later books.



A township matriarch repairs her grandson's trousers in 1962; his mother works in a white suburb. One of 100 pictures by Peter Magubane in *Women of South Africa: Their Fight for Freedom* (text by Carol Lazar, Little Brown, £16.99)

Pride and prying

Melinda Camber Porter

WHERE BLUE BEGINS
By Janice Deaner
Orion, £14.99

THE OTHER ANNA
By Barbara Eastman
Secker, £9.99 pbk original

JANICE Deaner's first novel dwells in the land of childhood secrets and shows how the heroine and narrator, Maddie, moves towards adulthood through her tenacious ability to keep her own mother at bay from her inner world.

Lana, Maddie's mother, has more than enough secrets herself. She suffers from a mysterious illness. She disappears into her "writing room", but never tells the children what she is writing or for whom. She walks out on her composer husband, Leo, for several weeks when he plays a jazz piece that seems to bring back cruel memories to her.

Maddie's passion for her mother drives her to pry into her mother's journals and eavesdrop on her parents' increasingly heartbreaking rows. But each new discovery about her mother's identity leads her further and further from her embrace; eventually she fears that she is responsible for her mother's ailments and comes to believe that her spying prompted her mother to desert the family.

Unfortunately Deaner almost destroys the delicate fabric of her novel by sinking further into the crass melodrama of her mother's past, at the expense of the far more interesting exploration of Maddie's coming of age.

BARBARA Eastman's first novel, *The Other Anna*, depicts a grim and lonely passage towards womanhood. Poor Anna has no truly maternal hand to guide her through an understanding of sex, babies, or even of desire. She learns, like Maddie, through spying, and what she sees is gruesome. With her father, who is a physician, she watches a woman almost die in childbirth; she witnesses the seduction of a servant and is both awed and disgusted.

Anna's sense of horror at her impending womanhood is rooted in her mother's harsh, puritanical, controlling vision of life. Anna calls her "the Prussian". Set in Iowa before 1914, the novel no doubt accurately portrays the prevailing attitudes of the plain settlers. It is written in a dry, painstakingly detailed style, as if the author would have us believe that she is doling out facts rather than the dreams of Anna's awakenings.

Occasionally, Eastman lurches into florid, poetic descriptions of Anna's other life, her dream life, which is spent in the kitchen under the spell of "the Old One", (her nickname for her mother's housekeeper). Here, Anna is taught to dream of magical words, "of seals who shed their skin and become men" and of "a place of birth that came before the time I was born". The Old One's superstitious world, which Eastman triumphantly presents at the end as Anna's salvation, is no more than a sterile and wordy escapism. Eastman would persuade us that fairy tales can pave the way to womanhood. But they do not.

Daisy answers for her life

Gill Hornby

THE STONE DIARIES
By Carol Shields
Fourth Estate, £12.99

The British army of admirers of the Canadian Carol Shields has been steadily growing since the publication last year of *The Republic of Love*. This is her sixth novel, (her fourth published in Britain) but those who have been eagerly awaiting it, may at first look askance. Worry not. *The Stone Diaries is* a novel; it just doesn't look like one.

Shields presents the story of her new heroine, Daisy Goodwill, as a biography — even going to the rather amusing lengths of providing family trees and posed photographic portraits. As a further complication, it is written by its subject. Daisy distrusts memoirs — "the recounting of a lie is a cheat" — so she takes one step back. Using the third person, testimonies of others and such diverse original material as letters and shopping lists, she writes her own life, up to and including her own death.

We know the basic plot from the beginning, from the family tree. You can see a good innings (1905-199-): a long second marriage; three children and numerous grandchildren. But then there is something else: the loss of her mother in the first year of her life, and her first husband in the year of their wedding. Those deaths form the substance of her story.

The novel opens with the tragedy of her birth, on a kitchen floor, somewhere in Canada. Neither parent was aware of her impending arrival, and as Daisy draws her first breath, her mother draws her last. From that, comes the "emptiness" that is always with her.

Then there is the calamity of her first marriage. From the moment her hopeless husband falls out of the window on their honeymoon, she is a marked woman. It is not the loss that bothers her, but the stigma. Daisy is now defined as a victim of circumstance: someone who doesn't control her life, but to whom life happens. Henceforth, "wherever she goes, her story marches ahead".

This is not a drab and cheerless tale. It is, after all, a novel by Carol Shields — wise, witty and as warm as toast. All her characters are easy to like (the one exception, Pinky Fulham, is crushed by a soft drinks vending machine, while trying to extract a coin from beneath it). All enjoy lives governed by a generally upwardly mobile trend. Daisy herself is "a woman born with a voice that lacks a tragic register". She is lived, comfortable, occupied, needed. While she has roles to adopt, her life speeds along. It is when her second husband is dead, her house is emptied and her first employer has given her the push that depression takes hold. All her life's sorrows are concentrated in that nervous breakdown.

Nobody really knows why she gets so down, but everybody thinks they do, and Daisy calls all of them to give their account. One ambitious daughter puts it down to the loss of the job that had, at last, given her an identity. Certainly not. A Shields heroine goes much deeper than that.

It is, significantly, the one who knows Daisy least who understands her best — the passing pedlar who witnessed her birth. The sadness he saw in that babe "had never left him. He swore he'd never seen a creature so alone in the world." When he tried to bless her, he felt "as if he were blessing a stone."

Shields is a writer who works with a motherly touch. Motherlessness and motherhood, love and marriage — she treats them all with the respect they deserve. It is what she calls "this business of being a woman" that is the business of *The Stone Diaries*.



SALLY SOAMES

Carol Shields: handling motherlessness with a maternal touch

Marooned in middle America

Christopher Hawtree

NOBODY'S FOOL
By Richard Russo
Chatto & Windus, £15.99

Small-town folk are too often made the stuff of whimsy, but these past few years they have surged through Richard Russo's novels. First encountered in the eponymous town of *Mohawk*, now inexplicably sunk from sight over here, the territory was revisited in *The Risk Pool*. Neither of these chicaneries quite prepares one for the exhilaration of *Nobody's Fool*. Its third of a million words depict transgenerational feuds and affections around Thanksgiving nine years ago in a place called Bath. Not only in terms of architecture but also in water-pressure and much else, its life is a far cry from that of its English namesake.

If the sundered marriages and violent outbursts suggest a soap, it is a high-lather brand, for the true centre of interest is in the language. Alert to a vernacular dialogue which he leavens with ironic narrative, Russo has one delighting in pages where nothing much happens. A high proportion of the characters are indeed marooned by age, ailment or both: "somehow old people, once the revered repositories of the culture's history and values, had become dusty museums of arcane and worthless information".

One such is Miss Beryl. Despite that appellation, she is a widow (and was a schoolteacher) and is now living in a rundown house and lets the upper storey to a ne'er-do-well, the evil-smelling and chain-smoking Scully. His business plans turn around doping a dog and stealing a snowplough. Naturally, he is an object of scorn in the eyes of Miss Beryl's banking son, Clive, somebody whom the reprobate derides as much as he does the household and husband of his fussy ex-wife. She is being visited by Scully's adulterous son, Peter, and family (the children's malice is superb).

Peter, a hard-pressed lecturer, will eke out his income by assisting his father (such reconciliation echoes *The Risk Pool*). Other inhabitants gather in a staple of such places, the diner. Its owner, Cass, had hoped to sell it, but her mother's death is forever deferred. "The old woman had recovered miraculously. 'Miraculously' was the doctor's term, and not one Cass herself would have thought to apply to her mother's recovery, however surprising." Here is that rarity, a novel driven by its characters, who gain one's affection.

All the words in the world

Matt Holland

BEST SHORT STORIES 1993
Edited by Giles Gordon and David Hughes
Heinemann, £15.99

One thing you should not do with this collection is read it through in a single sitting. Alongside the tight *fin de siècle* snap crackle pop of David McKenzie, Colum McCann, Michelle Heinemann and Martin Amis, the stories of Nadine Gordimer, Jane Gardam, Geoff Nicholson and Edna O'Brien are positively gentle and spun.

Alice Munro cannot follow Tony Musgrave, nor William Trevor follow Jonathan Treitel, nor Susan Hill, with her 15 pages of unhurried cup-of-tea-with-auntie stuff, follow Heinemann, with her sharp five-page prod-and-poke piece. Where Hill goes for the gravy, Heinemann goes for the groin. John Banville and David Belbin are bafflingly long-winded on life, art, mushrooms and sex, but with not a single brave new word between them, unlike Martin Amis on writing, who bristles with them.

The editors responsible for this eighth annual collection declare that "once again the golden oldies (Weldon, Trevor and Hope) are turning out the most imaginative tales." In the work of the young, they argue, "there are too many dying falls," and not enough "wit and surprise". The verdict of two olden goldies, perhaps: but, on the evidence of this collection, not of this reader.

For example, Nadine Gordimer's caring piece, "Look-Alikes", moves as if it had time for all the words in the world. But in 12 pages it does not, and so gently runs out of both.

Whereas Colum McCann in "Sisters", over a similar number of pages, moves swiftly across continents and years, concludes neatly, and has memorable lines to boot. "My hand made out the shape of a question mark as a farm boy furrowed his way inside me." Maybe it is really this penetrative nineties style that the silver sages don't like.

Despite which, they courageously include plenty of it, acknowledging perhaps that it is today's way of dealing with "big themes". "He explored the word love all his life," writes Tony Musgrave in "Bel". "It never ceased to bewilder him. He was intoxicated by erotic adventures."

There are laughs from Rose Tremain, about letters from mother full of abbreviation and French phrases, and warnings from David McKenzie: "He has come to the conclusion that the offender is the word. Words, he says, create trouble and he is going to give them up." Another thing you should discover from this collection is that the short story can be "the most poetic aspect of a prose writer's craft", maybe precisely because of its modern tendency towards neologism and economy, its break away from simple, spun-out anecdote, and its power not to answer but to suggest.

Slaying public school dragons

Janet Daley

STAND BEFORE YOUR GOD
Growing up to be a writer
By Paul Watkins
Faber, £14.99

If all writers must be outsiders by definition, then Paul Watkins's childhood was a gift. Or perhaps a curse — depending on whether you see spiritual exile as too great a price to pay even for creativity.

Born in the United States of Welsh parents, he is transported mysteriously (and apparently unnecessarily, apart from his father's socially ambitious whim) into the world of British public school life. What possible use this apprenticeship in snobbery and sado-masochism could serve except among the British, whose institutions it exists to supply, can scarcely be imagined. But Watkins senior, having suffered from the slights which British boarding schools train their products to inflict on the merely talented, was apparently determined to equip his own son with the advantages he himself had lacked.

Thus did Watkins junior, aged seven, find himself devastatingly alone in the cruel fastness of a 1970s Dragon School reception class. Left with a handshake by his father, he thought he was being taken to a party and wandered shell-shocked for months in an agony of longing for a home which seemed (indeed, was) half a world away.

The account of this early period of his schooling is the best thing in the book: the initiation into the dark side of all-male childhood is described with a freshness which makes it ring absolutely true. So traumatic was this experience that it clearly seared itself into Watkins's brain and can now be retailed with the flawless clarity of a child's eye. All the details — the smell of loathsome food, the precise form of a threat from a ring-leading bully, the wild injustices of a closed society — are summoned up with riveting vividness.

"You could be born with a name that you thought sounded fine until you reached the Dragon School. Then someone would spit that name back in your face in a way that would change your whole life.



Paul Watkins: spiritual exile

So if your name was Codrington, you might never have known until then that your name sounded a bit like Cuddlybum. But from then on your name would be Cuddlybum, and not just until the end of the Dragon School but until the end of time." That eternal grip is a feature of British establishment life.

Watkins goes on from the Dragon to Eton, but by this time he is no longer an innocent abroad. The cynicism and irony of public school life have entered his soul and he accepts the vagaries of its more senior version with the aplomb of a native, which presumably is just what his father would have wished for him. But unlike most of his schoolmates, he is still a foreigner at heart and that isolation gives him the necessary distance to observe as well as to participate. And so, he believes, he was turned into a writer by force of circumstance.

"What I understood without having to ask was why my parents had to send me away to boarding school at the age of seven. The system had so many of its own rules and so much of its own logic, that you had to start as early as you could." It was the only way that he could hope to comprehend "the brutality and prejudice and rules that seemed to make no sense"; the only sense being that the rules are intended to be unintelligible to the uninitiated and therefore to act as a social sieve.

Perhaps to understand a country you must be inside it without being of it. Maybe every writer is a kind of expatriate of the mind.

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An authentic portrait of a tyrannical artist and his grasping mistress emerges from this egotistical memoir, writes **John Weightman**

An art groupie looks back

PICASSO AND DORA
A Memoir
By James Lord
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20

Strictly speaking, this book should have been entitled "Myself in the light of . . .", because it is not a study of Picasso's relationship with his one-time mistress and model, Dora Maar, but an autobiography, indeed an unashamed ego-trip, in which Lord describes his encounters with these two celebrities, and others. He arrived in Paris at the end of the second world war as a young American serviceman, a homosexual in love with the idea of European culture, and his first act was to find his way to Picasso's studio in the hope — no less — that the great man would make a portrait of him. As sometimes happens, brashness-cum-adulation worked. Picasso invited him to lunch with Dora, and when Lord pushed pencil and paper towards him across the restaurant table, acceded to the request.

After this momentous start, Lord was soon an enthusiastic member of that half-genuine, half-phoney Parisian world of connoisseurs and socialites which surrounds the creative arts. Thanks to an allowance from his parents, supplemented by a little art-dealing, he was able to stay on indefinitely in France, enjoying what he calls "the lotus life", assiduously cultivating the famous and moving from one social event to another. Cocteau, Breton, Lacan, Bataille, Douglas Cooper, Marie-Laure de Noailles, all flit through the pages.

His ambition was to be a novelist, but that came to nothing, as he admits. His most notable production so far has been his life of Giacometti, published in 1986. However, it now appears that he is essentially a diarist, who has kept a detailed account of his contacts over the last 50 years, and this volume is the first part of his experience to be written up in narrative form. He has obviously allowed himself a novelist's licence in setting the scenes and in rounding out the conversations, but the book seems to have a basic authenticity, since it rebounds so little to his own credit. Rarely has the psychology of the hanger-on been so naively revealed, and in such interesting detail.



At Mougins: Picasso bathing with his new lover Dora Maar

It is difficult to say whether Lord was in love with Picasso's art, with his great fame or with the man himself as a vital, tyrannical personality. Perhaps with all three at once, in a paroxysm of groupie fervour. Actually, after the initial contact, there were not a great many meetings, and at one at least Picasso went out of his way to berate Lord publicly as an aesthetic ignoramus. Yet, while describing the artist as an unpredictable, uneasy bully, Lord continued to dote on him. Talking to a stranger, he invents the fantasy that Picasso is his father; he has erotic dreams about him; remembering an occasion when he was alone in the studio with the bare-chested Picasso, he wonders whether there was not a hint of suggestiveness in the air; perhaps he Lord, should have made the first gesture. In short, he solemnly implies that he would not have been averse to sex with his pseudo-father, an interesting inversion of the Oedipus complex and a curious extension of aesthetic interest: "Nearer my genius to thee . . !"

Dora is a fuller presence in the book. Lord's relationship with her did not begin until she had been discarded by Picasso and was suffering the pains of rejection. Their intimacy, if that is the word, lasted from 1950 to 1954, and was based essentially on their common obsession with the absent Master, whom they discussed endlessly. Lord claims that he also liked Dora for herself, her personality, her intelligence, her charming voice, but he doesn't manage to make her into an attractive character; she comes over as self-regarding, capricious and grasping. In spite of repeated snubs, he worked his way into her confidence and even stayed alone with her at times in the country house that Picasso had given her.

Their relationship was not *une amitié amoureuse*, because that can only develop when the two partners accept the fact that one, or both, must respect an irrevocable commitment elsewhere. It seems obvious that Dora was slightly flattered to have a young man around, and would have welcomed a declaration of physical love, when they were alone in the country; she would either have accepted it as a form of consolation, or sent him packing for daring to presume. He says, very unconvincingly, that he was not averse to heterosexuality, and that he thought of proposing marriage, which is odd, since concurrently he was having passionate homosexual affairs. Not to put too fine a point on it, he shows himself as behaving as a lady-teaser towards Dora, after having, as it were, temporarily "collected" her as a real-life Picasso-object.

He may have had taste in art, but he shows doubtful taste in human relations. When the friendship with Dora ended, he wrote her an immense, reproachful letter detailing all her faults, but completely missing the central, sexual point. He prints this letter in full, although the lady, I understand, is still alive.

He wrote a similarly aggressive, but this time public, letter to Picasso in 1956, when the artist, officially a communist, failed to speak out against the invasion of Hungary. Picasso was undoubtedly in the wrong, but Lord was hardly in the right, since he had previously taken no interest whatever in politics and, in singling out Picasso, seemed to be claiming a special relationship with him. He reproduces this letter too, not realising that, instead of proving a moral point, it shows him drawing attention to himself by clinging to the sullied skirts of fame.

How to eat asparagus without giving offence

Rosanna de Lisle

THE DESCENT OF MANNERS
By Andrew St George
Chatto & Windus, £20

In 1869 John Stuart Mill wrote "the English, more than any other people, not only act, but feel according to rule". The Victorians had rules for everything: the simplest of daily activities involved negotiating a behavioural minefield. Correct form ruled on every conceivable social circumstance, from leaving a calling card, to walking along the street, talking (or rather conversing), or using a fork with three prongs not four. Faced with such dilemmas, Victorians reached for manuals of manners, etiquette and self-improvement.

More was at stake here than straightforward, fish-knife snobbery. Andrew St George argues that, between 1830 and 1890, ideas about how to behave emerged as a consensus firm enough to transcend political divisions.

But why did the Victorians need to be told what to do? What made them subordinate themselves to the homilies of the evangelical, practical philosopher Martin Tupper or try to live up to the exhortations of the self-help guru Samuel Smiles? The answer seems to lie in the upheaval of their times: a received and accepted system of manners offered cohesion and reassurance to a society startled by material progress and shaken by the twin explosions of population and city.

Industrialisation brought with it an emergent middle class, searching for its place in society: "Ideas of conduct radiated out of the middle-classes, themselves uncertain about how to behave, shoring up their own identity by pressing it upon other classes."

The Victorians were faced as well by a host of untried social situations. The few manners books bequeathed by the much more relaxed 18th century were of little use to the person anxious to know what to say to a stranger on a railway platform. Hence the Victorians took literally the idea that manners made man (or concealed him, in the case of a fraudster); for women especially, to know how to behave was everything.

This is an unusual book, hovering over the disciplines of social science, literary criticism and the history of ideas. It is at its best engrossed in the particular, describing everyday behaviour. St George draws on a vast range of sources, familiar and obscure. The chapters on morals, etiquette and the evolution of the home are fascinating, and sometimes funny too; the Victorians, in their anxiety about appearances, were both endearing and maddening. He is good at pulling out the amusing paradox: the topics mid-Victorian behaviour books recommended as safe for everyday conversation were exactly those that the great commentators of the day — Carlyle, Ruskin, Darwin — found anything but platitudinous: history, literature, science.

St George's general assertions are sometimes less convincing. The claim that "the search for rules was the cornerstone of mid-Victorian thinking" sounds incontrovertible until you read it twice and wonder whether classical liberalism fits into this picture. Is there a connection with the search by Comte, Mill and Spencer for a science of society? The author does not say. He argues that "the mid-Victorians evolved behaving well into a process of life, a way of living which carried them down the road to improvement by offering fixity in a shifting world. The behaviour book provided a system of life." One wonders whether they are not being underestimated. Were they really so obsessed with appearances?

The great value of this book is to show how Victorian England operated as a society, how manners both enabled and restricted social progress, and how, by the end of the century, received manners had been challenged and superseded by scientific discovery and literary advances. Between them, they rendered obsolete the quaint homilies of the behaviour books.



No one did more than Stieglitz to get photography recognised as a legitimate art. This charming photogravure of 1900, The Dance, first appeared in his magazine and is reproduced with the 90 others in *Arthur Stieglitz's Camera Notes* edited by Christian A. Peterson (W.W. Norton, £25)

Henry, Otto and daddy

Lois Rathbone

INCEST
By Anaïs Nin
Peter Owen, £25

Anaïs Nin has been a boon to the publishing industry. Living in Paris in the 1930s, she had affairs with numerous well-known literary figures, most famously Henry Miller, and wrote all about them in the form of some candid diaries which are now being published unexpurgated. Strict censorship had been necessary before the death of her Scottish banker husband, the hapless Hugh Guiler, in 1985.

Afterwards the publishers set to work. *Henry and June*, covering the first year — 1931 — of her romance with Miller was published in 1986 and later turned into a film. *Incest* starts where that volume left off, and covers the years 1932-34. Nin is beginning to see the light about Miller's selfishness and embarks on a series of other affairs as a result: briefly with Miller's wife, June, before going on to two of her psychoanalysts, the surrealist poet and actor, Antonin Artaud, and for a while, most curiously, her own father. Nin had last seen him properly at the age of 10, when he walked out on the family.

Nin's stamina with men is remarkable — all the more so considering what a frail and hypersensitive creature she was. Her schedule is packed ("it is getting more and more difficult to make four men happy," she complains), and depends on spinning a web of lies to keep the different lovers ignorant of each other. No wonder she gravitates more and more towards one — Otto Rank, protégé of Sigmund Freud — (more, it seems, from exhaustion than love).

But for a long time, Miller is the favourite, for the simple reason that theirs was very much a professional as well as emotional relationship. The two are horribly pretentious about their "art", but this gives rise to some unintentionally comic passages: "So sweet to come home to his tenderness — his hands always ready to caress, even while he is talking about the meaning of art, the rise of schizophrenia, the universe of death, the Hamlet-Faust cycle, Destiny, the Soul, the macro/microcosm, megalopolitan civilization, surrender to biology."

I felt for the dim-witted husband in all this. At one point, Miller was secretly camping out in the guest-bedroom, emerging as soon as Guiler left for work, and retreating, often with much suspicious overhead thudding, on his return in the evening. Miller is a constant guest at their dinner table ("When is that fellow Henry going to leave?" Guiler wails). When Guiler does eventually read his wife's diary, she convinces him it is nothing but a piece of erotic fiction.

Much of the diary was written quickly, between hotel room assignations and appointments with the analyst, and would be quite incoherent if read in its entirety. But the editor has done a good job of shaping the story without losing spontaneity. Nin is not a convincing intellectual and is better on people, café life and dinner parties.

A strong stomach, however, is needed in places. In particuar, Nin's description of her abortion of Miller's child, an operation which takes two days, is almost too painful to read.

Cloud among crowds

Flora Fraser

HOME AT GRASMERE
The Wordsworths and the Lakes
By Penelope Hughes-Hallett
Collins & Brown, £14.99

Every story of the Wordsworths and the Lakes must begin with their near-biblical ejection in childhood from the mountainous Cumberland paradise which William describes in *The Prelude*. *Home at Grasmere* well conveys the companionable joy with which brother and sister, both approaching 30, returned in 1799 to set up house together at Dove Cottage, on Grasmere.

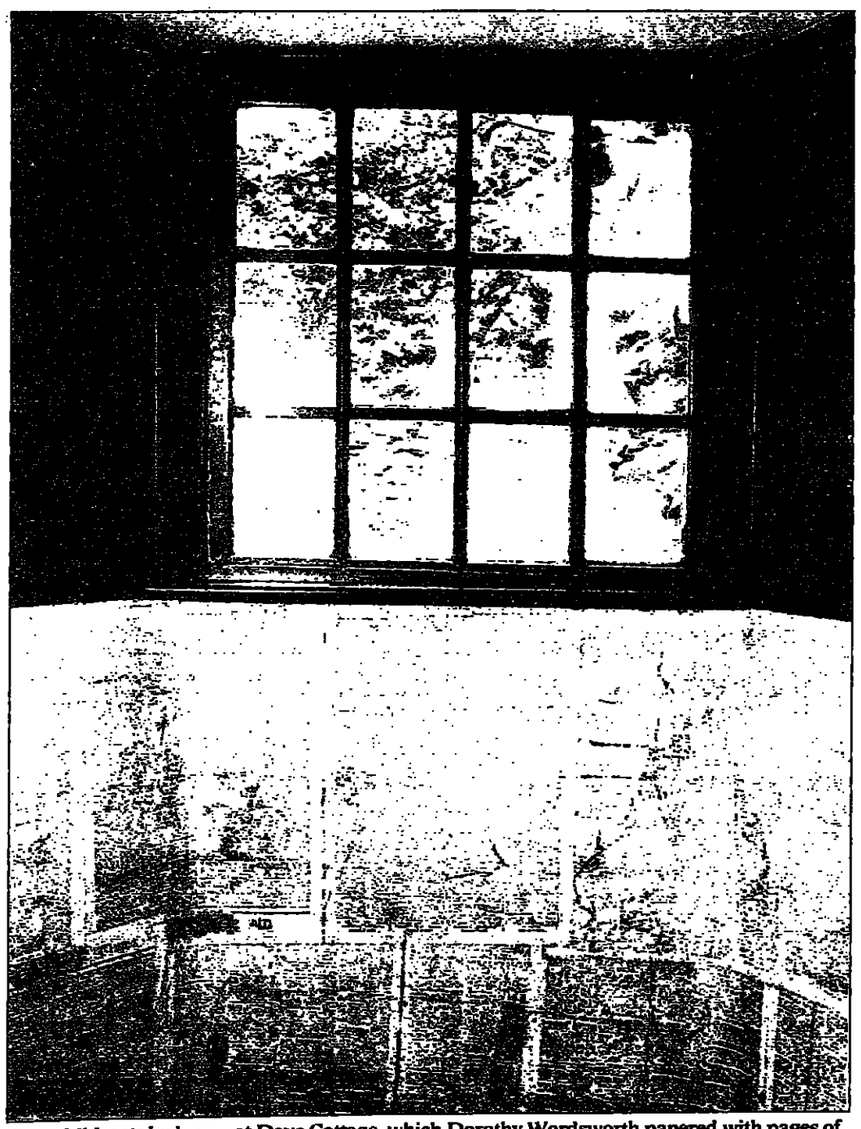
William skates while Dorothy papers a room with old copies of *The Times*. "O the darling! here is one of his bitten apples!" runs an entry from Dorothy's journal, written during his absence. "I can hard find it in my heart to throw it into the fire." "The thought of her was like a flash of light/Or an unseen companionship . . ." her brother responded.

Embellished with watercolours by the likes of Girtin, Towne and John Harden, Penelope Hughes-Hallett writes of the Wordsworths' lives and friendships at Grasmere, and later at Ryland Water, with a crystalline clarity. The portraits, facsimile manuscripts and engravings which surround the text are well captioned, and complement the larger landscapes of Skiddaw and Rydal Waterfall and Bassenthwaite Lake, to name a few. The uncanny light over Ullswater, by Joseph Wright of Derby, is a wonder of (Italian) printing.

Dorothy Wordsworth emerges, as ever, the heroine. Not only did she keep those miraculous journals, which her brother plundered for images including that of the Leech Gatherer. She would also walk with William "backwards and forwards" in the orchard or elsewhere — till "William kindled and began to write the poem". And — she broiled beefsteaks, and kept house. A paragon, but, as Hughes-Hallett notes: "Sometimes Dorothy's excessive sensibility towards her brother trembled on the verge of the self-destructive." Never more so than when he married her friend, Mary Hutchinson in 1802, "that great creative year".

Home at Grasmere is sympathetic to all the disparate — and often desperate — crew who shared with Wordsworth the soothing label of "the Lake Poets". Here, in economic detail, are the sufferings — exacerbated by local Kendal Black Drop — of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the Wordsworths' neighbour at Greta Hall; his stiff brother-in-law, Southey, who became poet laureate in 1813 and unbent only to children; the hysterics of de Quincey at a Wordsworth child's grave.

The last chapter, "Sage of the Lakes", makes painful reading. Dorothy's mind wandered in a cloud of unknowing for 20 years from 1835 till her death, and Wordsworth's adored daughter, Dora, died three years after he became poet laureate in 1843.



The children's bedroom at Dove Cottage, which Dorothy Wordsworth papered with pages of *The Times* to absorb damp. Taken from *Writers and Their Houses* (edited by Kate Marsh, Hamish Hamilton, £20): a guide to literary shrines in the British Isles, with many fine essays

Does thinking make things so?

Oliver Letwin

THE ORIGINS OF ANALYTICAL PHILOSOPHY
By Michael Dummett
Duckworth, £25

Philosophy, unlike other disciplines, has the task of understanding itself. Nothing could be more appropriate than an analytical philosopher writing a book to explain what analytical philosophy is; and that is just what Michael Dummett has done.

Years ago another Oxford man, Ernest Gellner, made himself most unpopular by telling the world that analytical philosophy consisted of boring on about words while failing entirely to grapple with things. This and other associated mud stuck — with the result that most civilised people nowadays pay no more attention to the work of analytical philosophers than they do to the work of modern composers. One of the great merits of Professor Dummett's book is that it explains these Stockhausen-characteristics of analytical philosophy, while at the same time making sense of the analytical project.

Dummett's fundamental observation is that analytical philosophy is distinguished from other schools not, as frequently supposed, merely by its methods but rather by its subject matter — the nature of thought — and by a particular theory about that subject matter. This theory is that thoughts are external to the mind and are to be understood through the language in which they are embodied.

The assertion that analytical philosophy is concerned with the nature of thought goes, in itself, some way towards explaining Gellner's distinction between words and things. History, natural science and economics describe and explain the world of things. Analytical philosophy is seeking at one remove to describe and explain, not things in themselves, but our thoughts about things.

Dummett goes further. He argues forcefully that if analytical philosophers were concerned with thought as a subject matter and yet believed thinking to be a psychological phenomenon, then they would never have taken the "linguistic turn" which so annoyed Gellner. The source of this "turn", Dummett traces to Frege, the German logician, and to Frege's conception of a thought as involving first, a meaning and, second, a meaning expressible in public language.

It is easy to see why one might take the first of these steps and describe a thought as involving a meaning. It is natural, for example, to say that when two sentences in two languages have the same meaning, they express the same thought. And if identity of meaning constitutes identity of thought, then it is natural to conceive of the thought as lying in the meaning.

The second step is to describe meaning as something firmly located in language. For the analytical philosopher, it is utterances in language or items capable of utterance in language which have meaning; and it is the rules of language — rather than the mental acts of an individual — that fix the meaning of an utterance.

This account of analytical philosophy is both plausible and illuminating. It explains not only what analytical philosophy really is but also what it is not. If, as Dummett claims, analytical philosophy attends to words purely as a result of its interest in thought, then there is little reason to suppose that analytical methods will be useful when applied to things rather than thoughts.

Dummett, in short, defends analytical philosophy against Gellner, explaining why it makes sense for the analytical philosopher to attend to words as the way into thought. Yet at the same time he explains the truth behind Gellner's claim that analytical philosophy may be unsuited for the purpose of reaching out beyond thought to things.

Dummett's book is vastly more important than his own modest claims for it. In identifying clearly for the first time the fundamental theory underlying the analytical project, and hence the limits of that project, he raises two age-old questions which analytical philosophers now need to address anew. Is it true that thought is fundamentally linguistic? And does the investigation of thought have to constitute the limit of philosophising?

Oliver Letwin is the author of Ethics, Emotion and the Unity of the Self *(Croom Helm).*

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In Plymouth, an offshore powerboat race (0872 573800) starts from 2.30pm on August 28 in the Sound. This is preceded by a fly-past at 2.15pm which is best seen from the Hoe. Just as competitive are the national hovercraft racing championships which take place over land and water reaching speeds of up to 70mph. Races start at 2pm on August 28, noon on August 29, and 11am on August 30 from Stanford Hall and Motor Cycle Museum, Lutterworth, Leicestershire (0788 860250). Adults £2.30; children, £1.

On August 29 and 30, International Truckprix offers a chance to see the big rigs racing around the Brands Hatch circuit. Racing takes place all day with plenty of off-track entertainment. It is best to book in advance (0474 874804/5) with two-day tickets costing £10, or £9 for Monday only (children free).

St Helens Carnival on Bank Holiday Monday is preceded by a kickstart competition and motorbike display on August 28. The carnival and sports day takes place in the main streets of St Helens, Isle of Wight, from 1.30pm on Monday (0983 873240). Monday is also the day to watch rod and stock car racing at Arlington Stadium, Arlington Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex (0420 561191). Admission costs £5.50 for adults, £2.50 for children and senior citizens.

The Carlisle Air Show at Cumbria's Carlisle Airport has displays of military and civil aircraft — including the Red Arrows from 1pm on August 28 and 29 — along with a fun-fair. Gates open at 9am and tickets cost £8 for adults and £6 for children (£6 and £4 in advance — 0228 75553).

One of the largest vintage air shows in Europe takes place on August 29 and 30 at the Science Museum Airfield, Red Barn Gate, Wroughton, in Wiltshire. Both days include formation fly-pasts and marching bands. Proceeds go to the upkeep of the 1940s B17 Flying Fortress bomber, "Sally B". The show opens at 8am and the flying begins at noon. Advance tickets (0293 883213) cost £7.50 for adults with one child free and £3 for further children (under-5s go free) or £10 and £4 on the day.

Hundreds of smaller aircraft, including vintage models from France, Italy and America will be flying at the international model aircraft competition, the Wakefield Cup, from 1.30pm to 4pm on August 28, 29 and 30 at the Museum of Army Flying, Middle Wallop, Hampshire (0264 384421). There is a £3 entrance fee, or £6 for a three-day ticket per person, which includes entry to the museum.



The Norman lifestyle is recreated at Rochester Castle, Kent

WHERE TO GO: WHAT TO SEE

AUGUST 26 to 30:

Chelmsford Spectacular
Hylands Park, Chelmsford, Essex: Family event with evening concerts. Aug 26, young pop (advance tickets: £10); Aug 27, opera (£12.50); Aug 28, jazz (£15); Aug 29, rock (adults £6, children £4); Aug 30, 1960s music (adults £6, children £4). Details: 0245 495028.

AUGUST 28:

Thames Sailing Barge Race
Seafront, Southend-on-Sea, Essex: Twenty barges racing for trophies. From pier, 9.30am to 3.30pm. Admission: nominal to pier. Details: 0702 355169.

AUGUST 28 and 29:

RSPB Skua & Shearwater Cruises
Aboard MV Yorkshire Belle: Sailing from North Pier, Bridlington, Humberside, three to four-hour trip off Flamborough Head looking at migrating seabirds. Starts 1pm on Aug 28; 9.30am on Aug 29. Admission: adults £7.50; children £3.50. Book in advance. Details: 091-232 4148.

International Kite Festival
Southsea Common, Seafront, Portsmouth, Hampshire: Stunt kite-flying, kite-making and competitions. Open 10am to 5pm. Admission: free. Details: 0705 834146.

AUGUST 28 to 30

Children's Harvest Treasure Hunt
Parsonage Farm Rural Heritage Centre, North Elham, Kent: Children's treasure hunt with prizes. Open: daily 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm. Admission: adults £2.30, senior citizens £1.60, children £1.40. Tickets for hunt 20p. Details: 0303 840766.

Folkdance festival
Elsham Hall Country & Wildlife Park, Elsham, Humberside: Range of folk dancing plus entry to falconry centre, craft centre and adventure playground. Open: 11am to 5pm. Admission: adults £3.95, children/senior citizens £2.50. Details: 0652 688698.

Fun-fair
Hampstead Heath, London NW3: Open: Aug 28, 11am to 10pm; Aug 29, 2pm to 7pm; Aug 30, 10am to 10pm. Details: 081-348 9930.

Derbyshire Country Show
Hartington Moor, A515 Buxton Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire: Horse shows and arena displays from noon on August 28 and 30. Sheep dog trials on August 29. Open 10am to 6pm. Admission: Adults £4, children/senior citizen £2. Details: 0327 300401

National Waterways Festival
Embankment Site, Peterborough, Cambs: Open: 10am to 6pm. Admission: adult £4, children/senior citizens £2. IWA members free. Details: 0487 813219.

Oklahoma Country Craft Fayre
Wakehurst Place Gardens, Ardingly, W Sussex: More than 150 craft stalls selling hand-made goods and many working craft demonstrations. Refreshments include traditional spit roast and old-fashioned tea room. Open: 10am to 6pm. Admission: adults £3, senior citizens £2.50, children £1, under-5s free. (0344 874787).

Norman Rochester
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Town & Country Festival
Royal Agricultural Society, National Agricultural Centre, Stoneleigh, Warwicks: Craftwork, exhibitions, displays with music and food, watersports, gardening, fashion show, circus workshop, toboggan run, pets corner, working models of cars, planes and steam engines and national floristry competition. Open: Aug 28 and 29, 9.30am to 7pm; Aug 30, 9.30am to 6pm. Admission: adults £5, children/ senior citizens £2.50. Details: 0891 884535.

AUGUST 29:

Burley Country Fair
Holmsley Aerodrome, Bransgore, Hampshire: Racing camels, horse riding displays, falcons, packs of hounds, pony club games, silver band, side shows and trade stands. Open: 10.30am; arena events from noon. Admission: adults £3, children/senior citizens £1. Details: 0425 652384.

McDonald's Games
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AUGUST 29 and 30:

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Thomas the Tank Engine Event
Embsay Steam Railway, Embsay Station, Embsay, N Yorks: Gifts for all children riding on steam trains. Open: 10.30am to 4pm. Admission: £3.

International Beatles Convention
Britannia Adelphi, Ranelagh Place, Liverpool: Open: Aug 29, noon to 7pm with concert at Royal Court Theatre. Aug 30, street festival in Matthew St with 40 bands and evening concert at the Empire Theatre with the Bootleg Beatles. Admission: Adelphi, £4: Royal Court Theatre, £8; Street festival, £4; Empire Theatre, £12.50.

Life in a Medieval Castle
Richmond Castle, Richmond, N Yorks: Open: 10am to 6pm, events from noon to 4.30pm. Admission: adults £3, senior citizens £2, children £1. English Heritage members free.

Notting Hill Carnival
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THE TIMES DEGREE VACANCIES SERVICE

Another chance for a science course

The new mix-and-match approach to science is having limited success. John O'Leary reports

Many universities and colleges expect to have vacancies on science courses even after the clearing ends on September 24. But even in these subjects, the top courses are filling up quickly.

Oxford and Cambridge never appear in clearing, but a few universities, such as Bristol and Warwick, have closed their lists for this year. Some others have only a handful of courses with vacancies.

Although the funding changes which have caused such alarm to admissions tutors apply to arts and social sciences courses only, the publicity given to the squeeze on places appears to have had an effect on applicants across the board. Helplines this week have been taking enquiries for all types of subject.

The range of courses available to this year's applicants is greater than ever. More science subjects are being offered in combination with arts or social sciences, a number of institutions are capitalising on heightened interest in environmental issues, and many of the new universities are offering more courses tailored to the jobs market.

Keele University, for example, is offering biology with classics, and geology with Russian studies. Salford University has combined physics with French or Japanese to encourage more applicants.

Harold Fish, Salford's admissions officer, says: "The new programmes are designed to make physics more attractive, but they have had no particular impact because the numbers simply are not there in schools. Renaming courses is not going to solve the problem: we need to persuade 13 and 14-year-olds that it is worth doing physics."

Salford is one of a number of universities running conversion courses for people with arts qualifications who want to switch to the sciences. A local sixth-form college is running the course, which will cater for older adults as well as teenagers, and two other colleges have expressed an interest in joining the scheme next year.

More than 20 universities have started similar courses, and interest has been strong since last week's A-level results were published. Dr Clive Waddington, who co-ordinates Hull University's conversion course for engineering, says: "We hope to increase the number of places from 42 to 45, which is the maximum possible given the available space in lecture halls. We certainly expect more applications than ever before."

Dr Waddington said the course attracted sixth-formers seeking to switch to engineering after studying the arts at A-levels. This was often because of poor advice from school careers experts. The first year is spent bringing students up to scratch in these subjects. Students can then specialise in options such as electronic engineering, or engineering design and manufacturing.

How the Degree Vacancies Service works

Day two of *The Times* Degree Vacancies Service concentrates on vacancies in science subjects. The courses listed on this page all had places available yesterday.

The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry. Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one.

Most new universities and colleges of higher education do not publish predicted entry requirements. Candidates with other qualifications should contact the university to establish course requirements.

The courses are listed under subject headings, and combined subject degrees may appear in more than one section. The UCCA and PCAS handbooks contain full details of each course.

The two clearing bodies will issue instructions to all applicants who have not been offered a place by Friday afternoon. The clearing process is also open to new applicants. Neither UCCA nor PCAS allocates places, but both can be contacted in the event of problems with a clearing application. Enquiries about specific courses should be addressed directly to the university or college concerned.

A number of helplines are operating during the clearing period, which finishes on September 24. The official service, operated from Middlesex University, can be contacted on 081 801 3000 (a queuing system prevents the number from ringing engaged, but often means a long wait).

Among other services is an off-air advice line run by BBC Radio 5, which has received record numbers of calls. The service, on 0500 505050, operates from 10am to 6pm throughout August.

● The *Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

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Glasgow: D820 (16), D860 (16), L130 (16)
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Edinburgh: D200 (14), D206 (14)

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Glasgow: B140 (16)
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Glasgow: FG51 (16), FF35 (16)
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London, Queen Mary & West: F500 (8), F503 (12), FG51 (12)
Newcastle: F520 (10)
St Andrews: F520 (12), FFH5 (12), FF35 (12), FVMR (12), FFJ5 (12)
Leicester: G1F5 (14)
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Newcastle: Y121 (10)
Leeds: F3F5 (10)
London, UC: F526 (20), F527 (20)
London Queen Mary & West: F523 (12), F526 (8), GF(5 (12), F3F5 (8)
London, Royal Holloway: F3F5
UMIST: G1F5 (18)
Manchester: F364 (18)
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St Andrews: F520 (12), FFH5 (12), FF35 (12), FVMR (12), FFJ5 (12)
Leicester: F3F5 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: F526 (12), F523 (12)
Edinburgh: F526 (16)

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Newcastle: C700 (14), D850 (8)
Leeds: C7C6 (16), CC57 (16), CB71 (16)
London, Imperial: C700 (20), C702 (20), C701 (20), C7N1 (18), FC17 (20), CF71 (20)
London, King's: C700 (16), CC79 (16), CC57 (16), BC27 (16), BC17 (16), C720 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West: C700 (10), C7C5 (10), CF71 (10)
London, Royal Holloway: C7N1, C700, C624
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Wales, Bangor: C700, (12)
Surrey: C705, C700, C706, C720
Glasgow: C700 (16), CF76 (16), C720 (16)
Kent: C700 (8)
Nottingham: C770 (14)
Salford: C700 (16), FC17 (10)
UMIST: C700 (16), C7J8 (16), C7C6 (16), C7R2 (16), C722 (16)
Essex: C700 (10)
St Andrews: C700 (12), C7J8 (12), C7C5 (12)
Birmingham: C700 (18), C7C6 (18), C7J8 (18), C720 (18)
Leicester: C700 (16)

BIOLOGY
Bath: C100/C111 (16)
Leeds: C180 (14), C110 (16), CG11 (6), CC24 (16), CG14 (16), B150 (18)
London, Imperial: C110 (22), C100 (20)
London, King's: C101 (16), Y156 (16), CC16 (16), C650 (16), (C140 (16), B950 (16), B150 (20)
Salford: C100 (16), CF18 (10), CG15 (12), FC11 (10)
London, Queen Mary & West: C100 (10), C1N1 (12), CF11 (10), F1C1 (10)
London, Royal Holloway: C100
Kent: F1C1 (8), F1CC (8)
Wales, Cardiff: C100 (12), C101 (12), C110 (12), C111 (12)
Wales, Bangor: C100 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C100 (14), C144 (14), C160 (14), C174 (14), C1F9 (14), C946, C210
Durham: C100 (14)
Buckingham: MC39 (12), C100 (8), C8C1 (10)
Ulster: C102 (12), C100 (14)
Keele: CC17 (14), CF11 (12), CF13 (14), CF16 (14), CG11 (14), CG15 (14), CL18 (16), CN11 (16), LQ18 (16), CR11 (16), CR12 (16), CR18 (16), CW13 (16)
Hull: C100 (18), C160 (18), C174 (18), C1E7 (18)
UEA: C100 (12)
Glasgow: C304 (16), C140 (16)
Birmingham: C100 (18), C300 (18), J800 (18), C160 (18), C400 (18), C500 (18), C260 (18)
Leicester: C100 (16), C140 (16), CF171 (24)

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Leeds: C600 (14)
London, King's: C600 (16)

BIOTECHNOLOGY
Leeds: J800 (16)
London, Imperial: J800 (20), J801 (20), J802 (20), FJ18 (20), JF81 (20)
London, King's: J800 (16)
London, Royal Holloway: C624
Hull: C140 (18)
Swansea: J800 (14)
Surrey: C500
Nottingham: D8J8 (14)
UMIST: C7J8 (16)
St Andrews: C7J8 (12)
Leicester: CJ28 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: J800 (12), J801 (12)
Strathclyde: J800 (CCC)

BOTANY
London, Royal Holloway: C200
Glasgow: D820 (16), C200 (16), D220 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C200

CHEMISTRY
Bath: F100/F101 (18), CF61 (14)
Leeds: J800 (16), FF1C (18), FG15 (18), FV15 (18), FN11 (18), FJ15 (18), FG11 (18), FF13 (18), F100 (14), F176 (10)
London, Imperial: F100 (20), F146 (20), F115 (20), FC17 (20), FC71 (20), FJ18 (20), JF81 (20), F1N1 (20), FINC (20), F147 (20)
London, UC: F112 (18), F100 (16), F1T2 (16), F1N1 (16), F1F2 (18), F1G1 (18), F126 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West: CF11 (10), CF71 (10), F100 (10), F1C1 (10), F1N1 (10), F334 (8), FF13 (8), FG11 (8), FR12 (10), FR1F (10)
Newcastle: F111 (14), F100 (14), F101 (14), FG11 (14), FF13 (14), FG14 (14)
Salford: F110 (10), F100 (10), F105 (10), F101 (14), F102 (18), F103 (14), F106 (4), F140 (12), FL11 (10), FG11 (10), FF13 (10), FC17 (10), FC11 (10)
Kent: F105 (4), F127 (8), F100 (8), F146 (8), F1C1 (8), F1CC (8), F1F9 (8), F129 (8), F1N1 (8), F151 (8)
Bradford: F100 (6), F1B2 (8), F1N1 (8)
Wales, Cardiff: CF71 (12), F100 (8), F101 (8), F110 (8), F160 (8), FF13 (14)
Wales, Bangor: F100 (6)
Durham: F100 (14)
Exeter: F100, F160, F101, F102
Hull: F1R1 (12), F184 (12), F166 (12), F130 (12), F100 (12)
Swansea: F100 (14)
Surrey: F105, F100, F103, F101, F104, F102, F10N1
Glasgow: F100 (16), F102 (16), FF16 (16), F103 (16)
UEA: F100 (10), F102 (22), F146 (14), F125 (10, FF19 (10), FG11 (10), F1N1 (10), F1S1 (10)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F100 (12), F101 (12), F1L4 (12), F170 (12), F1B3 (12), F102 (12)
Essex: F100 (8), F101 (8), F1N1 (8), F1B9 (8), F160 (8)
St Andrews: F100 (12), FF13 (12), F670 (12)
Leicester: F100 (24), CF71 (24), F101 (24), F1T9 (24), F103 (2)
Edinburgh: F100 (16), F140 (16)

COMBINED SCIENCE
Newcastle: GH5F
Glasgow: Y100 (16)
Leicester: Y158 (18)
Strathclyde: Y100 (DD)

COMPUTER STUDIES
London, Royal Holloway: GG51
Liverpool: GH56, H651
Hull: G500 (18)
Swansea: G500 (16)
Surrey: GG1M, GG15
Glasgow: G500 (16), GL58 (16), FG65 (16), CG85, CG45

COMPUTING
Newcastle: G500, NG45 (16), FG35 (14), GG15 (14), GG45 (14), G530 (12)
Leeds: FG15 (18), FG35 (18), G500 (18)
London, UC: G500 (22), G5C8 (22), G5H6 (22)
Salford: G500 (14), G506 (14), CG15 (12)
UMIST: G510 (16), G560 (16), GQ51 (14), GR52 (14), GR51 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: G1G5 (12), G500 (18), F3G5 (8), FG35 (16), G500 (18), G5N1 (18), GG15 (16), GG45 (16), GH5P (16)
Kent: GG15 (12), H610 (8)
Bradford: G500 (14), G521 (14)
Manchester: G500 (18), G502 (18), G506 (18), G520 (18), GG15 (18), GN54 (18), G532 (18), G533 (18), G570 (18), G580 (20), G581 (18).
Wales, Cardiff: GG15 (12), GG45 (12), G500 (16), G532 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G500, GN54, GG15, GGC5, GGD5, GG45, G5T9
Wales, St David's: GR51 (10), GR52 (10), GR57 (10)
Birmingham: G530 (18), G570 (18)
Leicester: G500 (12), G1G5 (20)
Durham: G500 (14)
Buckingham: C8G5 (10)
Ulster: G545 (12), G510 (14), G902 (12), G502 (12), G500 (14)
Keele: CG15 (14), CG75 (14), FG15 (14), FG35 (14), FG65 (14), GG45 (14), GH56 (14), GN51 (16), GR51 (16), RG85 (16)
Strathclyde: G500 (CCC), G5M3 (CCC), G5T9 (CCC), GN59 (CCC), GH56 (CCC)

ECOLOGY
Newcastle: D970 (8)
London, Imperial: C900 (20)
London, Queen Mary & West: C900 (10)
Leicester: C900 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: C900 (12), C901 (12)

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
Leeds: F900 (16), F904 (12), F902 (14)
Newcastle: D206 (8)
Salford: F910 (16)
UMIST: F3F9 (12)
London, Queen Mary & West: F140 (10), F900 (16)
London, Royal Holloway: C160
Kent: F1F9 (8), F129 (8)
Buckingham: MC39 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F900
Strathclyde: F900 (CCC)

FOOD SCIENCE
Nottingham: C560 (14), C770 (14), C400 (14)

GENETICS
Leeds: CC24 (16), C400 (14)
Newcastle: C400 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West: C400, C4G5
Glasgow: C400 (16)
Leicester: C400 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: C400 (12), C401 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: CC47 (10), D240 (12)

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Exeter: F800, F840
Glasgow: GL58, F800 (16), FF68 (16), F862

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Newcastle: D960 (8)
Leeds: F600 (14)
London, UC: F642 (15), F630 (15), F600 (15)
Glasgow: FF16 (16), FG65 (16), FF68 (16), F600 (16), F3F6 (16)
Manchester: FF16 (11), F600 (14), F670 (14), F630 (14)
Leicester: F600 (12), F610 (12), F670 (12)
Wales, Cardiff: F600 (10), F620 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F600 (5), F910 (7)
Edinburgh: F600 (18), F650 (18)
Keele: CF16 (14), FF16 (14), FF36 (14), FG65 (14), FH66 (14), FL68 (14), FR61 (16), FR68 (16)

GEOPHYSICS
Newcastle: F650 (10), FHP2 (14), FFHP (14)
Leeds: F640 (14)
London, UC: F650 (15), F660 (15)
St Andrews: F640 (12)
Leicester: F640 (12)

HISTORY OF SCIENCE
Leeds: FV15 (18), FV35 (18)
London, UC: V500 (16)

HORTICULTURE
Nottingham: D250 (14)
Strathclyde: D250 (CD), D2N9 (CD)

IMMUNOLOGY
London, King's: CC79 (16), C920 (16)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C144 (14)

MARINE STUDIES
London, Queen Mary & West: C127 (12)
Wales, Bangor: F140 (4)

MATERIALS SCIENCE
Leeds: J500 (14), FJ35 (18)

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Bath: G100 (10), CG11 (16), FG31 (18)
Leeds: FG11 (18)
London, Imperial: G100 (22), G125 (22), G1F3 (22), G101 (22), G1N1 (22), G102 (22), G1G4
London, Goldsmiths: G140 (4), G141 (4), GG1M (4), G1G4 (4), G1GM (4), G1GK (4), G1G4 (4), GG14 (4), GG41 (4), CG81 (4)
London, UC: F1G1 (18), G100 (24, G1T2 (24), G1L1 (24), G1F3 (24), GF15 (24), GF13 (24), GG14 (24)
Newcastle: G150 (14), G151 (12), G100 (16), GG14 (14), NG41 (16), FG11 (14), FG31 (14), GG15 (14), GH12 (14)
Salford: CG91 (12), G100 (14)
GG51, FG11 (10)
UMIST: G100 (18), G434 (18), GG15 (18), GRC1 (18), GRC2 (18), GN11 (18), G1R4 (18), G1F5 (18), GF13 (18)
York: G1F3, GF13
London, Queen Mary & West: FG11 (8), FG31 (8), FG51 (12), G100 (12), G110 (12), G120 (12), G130 (8), G150 (8), G1G5 (12), G1N1 (12), GF15 (12), GG15 (12), GG41 (12), J920 (12), J922 (12)
Kent: GNC4 (14), GLC1 (12), G100 (12), G1N1 (12), GG15 (12)
London, Royal Holloway: G100, G1G4, G1LC, G1N2, GF13, GG51
Bradford: G100 (10), GG14 (10), G1V7 (10), G1N1 (10)
Wales, Cardiff: FG31 (14), FG3C (14), G100 (12), G110 (10), G111 (10), GG15 (12)
Wales, Bangor: G100 (10)
Wales, Aberystwyth: GL11 (14), GN14 (18), GN102 (4), G100 (14), G120 (14)
Exeter: G100, G107, G130, GG04
Hull: G100 (12), G120 (12), G439 (12), G1R1 (12), G1R2 (12), G1R4 (12)
UEA: G100 (12)
Swansea: G120 (14)
Surrey: G105, G101, G102, GG1K, GG1L, GG1M, GG15
Glasgow: FG51 (16), G100 (16), GG15 (16), NG11 (16), GV1R (16), GG14 (16), FG41 (16)
UEA: FG11 (10)
Manchester: G100 (18), GV17 (18), G101 (18), G103 (24)
Essex: G100 (10), GG14 (10), GG15 (10), G4L1 (10)
Birmingham: G100 (18), GG15 (18)
Leicester: G102 (14), G100 (14), G1F5 (14), G1G5 (14)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Edinburgh: G100 (18), GG14 (18)
Keele: CG11 (14), FG11 (12), FG31 (12), GH16 (14), GL11 (16), GN11 (16), GR11 (18)
Strathclyde: G100 (CDD), G150 (CDD), GG15 (CDD), G1L1 (CDD), GH13 (CDD)

MEDICAL SCIENCE
Newcastle: F126 (14)
London, Queen Mary & West: A108 (18)
Bradford: Y156 (14)
Glasgow: F103 (16), B166 (16), C920 (16), C720 (16), C340 (16)
Ulster: B940 (14)

MICROBIOLOGY
Leeds: CC57 (16)
London, Imperial: C500 (20)
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Nottingham: C560
London, Queen Mary & West: C4C5 (10), C7C5 (10)
Kent: C500 (8)
Surrey: C505, C500, C502, C540
Glasgow: C620
St Andrews: C7C5 (12)
Leicester: C500 (12), C501 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: C165 (14), C500 (14), CC57 (10), CC35 (14)
Strathclyde: CC95 (CCC)

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Leeds: C7C6 (16), C250 (14)
London, King's: C620 (16)
Newcastle: C620
UMIST: C7C6 (16)
London, Queen Mary & West: C620 (10)
Hull: C140 (18)
Surrey: C620
Leicester: C620 (16)

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Wales, Cardiff: B172 (18), B173 (18)

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London, King's: B700 (18)

NUTRITION
London, King's: B400 (16)
Surrey: B405, B400, B401
Ulster: B400 (14)

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Wales, Bangor: F646 (14), F700 (14)

OPTOMETRY
UMIST: B500

PHARMACOLOGY
Bath: B200/B201 (18)
Leeds: B200 (14), BB12 (16)
London, King's: BC27 (16), B200 (16), B220 (16), BB12 (16)
London School of Pharm: B220 (18)
Glasgow: B200 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: B200 (14)

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PHYSICS
Bath: F300 (10)
Leeds: FF13 (18), FG35 (18), F335 (18), FG31 (18), F300 (10), F3F5 (10), F3H6 (10), FV35 (18)
London, Imperial: F300 (24), F303 (24), F325 (24)
London, UC: FF53 (20), FF5H (20), G1F3 (24), GF13 (24), F300 (20), F303 (20), F310 (20), F313 (20), F3T2 (20), F370 (20), F365 (20), F366 (20), F654 (20)
Newcastle: F300 (10), F301 (10), F370 (10), F370 (10), FF13 (14), FG35 (14), FG31 (14), FHH2 (14)
Salford: F314/F343, F303/F300 (8), F376/F375 (8), F305 (8), F354/F355 (8), F367/F368 (8), F3TK/F3T4 (8), F3RC/F3R (8), F3R2/F3RF (8), F3R8/F3RV (8), FF13 (10)
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Kent: F305 (4), F300 (8), F3F5 (8), F365 (8), F361 (8)
London, Royal Holloway: GF13, F300, F3N1, F3F5, F314
Exeter: F300, F301, F370, F348, F320, F321
Hull: F310 (14), F314 (14), F366 (12), F370 (14), F354 (12)
UEA: F300 (10)
Swansea: F300 (12)
Surrey: F305, F300, F354, F370, F388
Glasgow: F334 (16), F300 (16), FF35 (16), FHH6 (16), F3F6 (16), FG41 (16), F350 (16)
Manchester: F300 (18), F301 (18), F303 (18), F325 (18), F361 (18), F364 (18), FF36 (18), FG31 (18)
Essex: F300 (10), F301 (10), F303 (10), F310 (10), F312 (10), F313 (10), F366 (10), F367 (10), F320 (10), F322 (10), F323 (10), F3N1 (8)
St Andrews: FF13 (12), FH3P (12), FF35 (12), FFJ5 (12), F300 (12), FV3R (12)
Birmingham: F300 (12), F320 (12), F340 (12), F3F5 (12)
Leicester: F300 (20), F3F5 (20)
Wales, Cardiff: F300 (12), F3F5 (12), F370 (12), F320 (12), F348 (12), F303 (12), FF13 (14), FG31 (14), FG3C (14)
Wales, Aberystwyth: F301, F300 (8), F340 (8), F363 (8), F364 (8), F3N1 (18), FN34 (18), F302 (4), F303 (8), F365 (8), F366 (8)
Durham: F300 (14)
Edinburgh: F334 (16), F300 (16), F376 (16)
Keele: CF13 (14), CF73 (12), FF13 (12), FF36 (14), FG31 (12), FG35 (14), FH36 (12), FL31 (14), FN31 (14), FR31 (16)
Strathclyde: F300 (CD), F310 (CD), F368 (CD)

PHYSIOLOGY
Leeds: CB71 (16), BB12 (16), B100 (18)
London, King's: BC17 (16), B100 (16), BB12 (16)
Salford: CG91 (12)
Glasgow: B100 (16), BC18 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: BC17 (14), B100 (16)

PLANT SCIENCE
Newcastle: C260 (8), D240 (8)
London, Imperial: C200 (20)
Nottingham: D240 (14), D820 (14)
Leicester: C200
Wales, Aberystwyth: C252 (14)

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London, Goldsmiths: C800 (20), C895 (20), C8T9 (12)
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Glasgow: CG85 (16), BC18 (16)
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Leeds: CG14 (16)
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Newcastle: GG14 (14), G400 (14), NG44 (16), FG14 (14), GG45 (14), GH42 (14)
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Bradford: GG14 (10)
Exeter: GGD4, G434, GGK5
Hull: G430 (12)
Surrey: GG1K, GG1L
Glasgow: GG45 (16), GG14 (16), G400 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: GG45 (12), G420 (12), G421 (12)
Wales, Aberystwyth: G400 (14)
Ulster: G902 (12)
Edinburgh: GG14 (18)
Strathclyde: G400 (CDD)

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ZOOLOGY
Leeds: C310 (14), C300 (14)
London, Imperial: C300 (20)
Newcastle: D830 (8), D220 (8)
London, Queen Mary & West: C300 (10)
London, Royal Holloway: C300
Glasgow: C300 (16)
Leicester: C300 (16)
Wales, Cardiff: C300 (12), C301 (12)
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AGRICULTURE/AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY
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Silsoe Coll: D9N1

ANALYTICAL SCIENCE
Greenwich: Y120

AQUACULTURE
SAC: C172

ASTRONOMY
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Hertfordshire: F500

ASTROPHYSICS
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Hertfordshire: F399

BIOCHEMISTRY
Coventry: C700 (4)
E London: C700
Greenwich: C700
N London: C700, Y100, C999
Westminster: CC75
Wolverhampton: C700

BIOLOGY
Central Lancashire: C110
Chester Coll: C100 (4)
Coventry: CG14, C110, CT1Z, CL11, CR11, CR12, CL18
De Montfort: Y400
Dundee: CF11 (4)
Greenwich: C110, C160
Edge Hill: C162
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Hertsordshire: C110, C118
Luton: Y400
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N London: Y100, C120, 011C
NE Wales Inst: C110, 2PTS
Nottingham Trent: CF11, CG11, GCM1, CF13, CG15
Oxford Brookes: C140
Portsmouth: C100, C621
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Sunderland: C11, C160
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BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE
Cardiff Inst: C980
Central Lancashire: Y150
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Atlanta move closer to leading Giants

By Robert Kirley

RON Gant, Terry Pendleton and Dave Justice hit home runs on Tuesday as the Atlanta Braves beat the Giants in San Francisco for the second consecutive game, 6-4, to move within 5½ games of the first-place Giants in the National League West. Atlanta, who have won four in a row and 13 of 15, tried to narrow the gap when the three-game series concluded yesterday.

Since the All-Star break in early July, Atlanta have been the most successful team in the major leagues (28 victories, ten defeats), bolstered by a recent nine-game winning streak and the acquisition of Fred McGriff from San Diego. Trailing by ten games a month ago, the Braves are the closest to the Giants they have been since June.

San Francisco are seeking their first division title since 1989 after winning just 72 of 162 games last year. The Giants, who lead the season series 5-4, have held first place since May 11. In the opener on Monday, Steve Avery pitched nine innings and doubled in a run to bring Atlanta their eighteenth away win in 20 tries, 5-3. Avery beat the Giants for the third time.

Joe Carter hit his fifth home run in three games and Darnell Coles added a three-run home run to lift the Toronto Blue Jays to an 8-6 victory over the Cleveland Indians. Toronto took sole possession of first place in the American League East when the New York Yankees lost 4-2 to the Chicago White Sox.

Jack McDowell pitched his third shutout of the season to become the first 20-game winner and Frank Thomas hit his 33rd home run to lift the White Sox, leaders of the American League West, to a 1-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday. Reggie Jefferson's run-scoring grounder in the eleventh inning gave the visiting Indians a 3-2 win over the Boston Red Sox and their first four-game series sweep at Fenway Park in 33 years. Boston lost nine of 12 during its home series.

It is unlikely that the players will agree to doubling the number of teams participating in the play-offs next season by adding the four divisional runners-up, the union leader, Donald Fehr, said.

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JULIAN HERBERT

Phelps, the world modern pentathlon champion, takes a break from a session of fencing practice at his family's scrap metal business in Gloucester

Phelps claims victory in maverick tradition



Andrew Longmore talks to the modern pentathlete who proves that constant practice does not always make perfect

Recent visitors to Phelps Brothers scrap metal merchants by Gloucester Docks might have been mildly surprised by the scene. Two men, clad in masks and white jackets, lunging, cutting, thrusting, parrying back and forth along ramparts of crushed steel. A bizarre scene from a television cop series perhaps? A dispute over the price of iron?

"I suppose it must be quite a sight, two guys thrashing around with swords in the middle of a scrapyard." Richard Phelps, the newly-crowned world champion of modern pentathlon, smiled at the thought. Making do, improvising, filling every unforgiving minute with 60 seconds' worth of distance run — or swum, fenced or ridden — has become a way of life to Phelps since he was first attracted to the sport at the age of 12.

Forty eight hours after winning the world title in Darmstadt, Phelps was back into the thick of the family business, a more leisurely lunch break the one concession to his new status. For once, the sword remained sheathed, the lunchtime training sessions with Robert, his uncle, coach and boss postponed for a day or two at least.

When the accolades for the sporting year are handed out in the comfortable studios of the BBC, Phelps might warrant a mention in the "also world champions" section, if he is lucky. He deserves more. Modern pentathlon — shooting, swimming, fencing, cross-country running and show jumping — is a brutal examination of mind and body, of precision, concentration and raw spirit, condensed now into one bruising day — for the first time, in fact, at Darmstadt — but it is hardly big box office. Far from contemplating a profitable return on his 20-year investment in the sport, Phelps is wondering whether he can afford to spend £800 on a new air pistol when, with his first child due early next month, he has more pressing demands on his limited resources. His sport cost him £6,000 last year.

Yet Phelps's achievement in becoming the first British world champion in the sport was not just a run-of-the-mill conquest of adversity. It was a victory for unorthodoxy, for the maverick tradition that runs right through the heart of British amateur sport. At the age of 32 and after a bitter failure in Barcelona, Phelps beat the best in the world by rejecting the shibboleths of modern training and following his own instinct.

Apart from suffering a shoulder injury that was still not right for the championships, he went on holiday to Majorca when he should have been putting the finishing touches to his training and competed in a triathlon in the week before the event. Instead of specialist coaching, he practised in his lunch hours, ran to work, swam with the local club and returned to what he calls the "Gloucester way".

"I did everything against the rules. I just went back to how I used to do it," he said. "I'd spent too long going to London to fence, travelling here, there and everywhere. People said I should be fencing four times a week, but finishing thirteenth in the Olympics was such a kick in the teeth after all the hard work, I just said 'Stuff it. I'm going to stay where I am, relax and train at the level I enjoy'."

The formula worked. Expecting nothing of himself, Phelps swept through the championships to take the gold medal with such an air of assurance that an American colleague was convinced he would win all along. "I can see it in your eyes. This is your day," he said.

Phelps, still haunted by the memory of the 1984 Olympics, when he lost the bronze within sight of the finishing line, was not so sure. He had twice finished fifth in the world championships and was beginning to believe time had run out.

"I kept thinking 'This so stupid. I am unprepared, unbacked, undertrained. This shouldn't be happening'. I knew I couldn't win on my training, but if you are relaxed and enjoying it, you can pull so much more out of the bag. In the back of my mind, I felt that things were going my way.

"I had watched others win gold and thought what a great feeling it must be, but when the moment came, it was brief ecstasy then just quiet contentment. People said I hadn't been training 100 per cent, but I'd proved that my approach had been right. I just don't rate full-time training."

With the world championships in Sheffield next August, Phelps will be expected to defend his title successfully, but he will not sacrifice his new philosophy or his home-based regime for the sake of it. Some financial backing and some recognition would do no harm, though, to him or his sport. "I can't see myself getting many votes in the Sports Personality of the Year, that's for sure." He has earned them all.

Whitaker aiming to equal record of Macken

By Jenny MacArthur

MICHAEL Whitaker and Everest Monsanta will attempt to equal the record of Eddie Macken and Boomerang by winning the derby, which is sponsored by Silk Cut, at Hickstead for a third year in succession this weekend.

The derby, the focal point of the four-day meeting which starts today on Douglas Bunn's Sussex show ground, is the toughest competition in British show jumping. It is also the richest: the winner on Sunday will receive £35,000.

Whitaker, who won last year in poor conditions, is confident that Monsanta, 19, can repeat the feat. "He feels as good as ever," Whitaker said. "His age doesn't worry me. He's a very tough horse."

Both horse and rider are on form. Whitaker won the team silver and the individual bronze medals on Midnight Madness at the European championships four weeks ago. He then flew to Dublin where he and Monsanta won the grand prix.

His main British rivals are likely to be his eldest brother, John, with Everest Gammon, who was third in the Hamburg Jumping Derby earlier this month, and Nick Skelton, the winner of the derby from 1987 to 1989. Skelton, who won with two different horses, Apollo and J Nick, is riding his consistent winner, Everest Limited Edition, who fell at the water last year but is unlikely to make the same mistake again.

Nelson Pessoa, of Brazil, who won in Hamburg with the only clear round, heads the overseas entry, with Loro Piana Vivaldi. Pessoa first won the event in 1963 on Gran Geste.

The Irish contingent includes two former winners, Macken and John Ledingham, the winner in 1984 on Gabhran.

Only 26 horses have achieved clear rounds in the derby since the event began in 1961. Last year Whitaker won with four faults. The 16 fences contain two of the most famous obstacles in the sport, the Devil's Dyke and Derby Bank.

The meeting begins today with the Silk Cut Tankard. The derby trial takes place tomorrow.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Havant v Dunstable.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: (7.0): Bolton v Liverpool; Manchester Utd v Notts County; Sheffield Wednesday v Aston Villa. Second division: Port Vale v Manchester City; West Brom v Preston.

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OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: EBF national championships (Skegness).

EQUESTRIANISM: Silk Cut Derby meeting (Hickstead).

GOLF: European Amateur Championship (Dalmahoy).

SPEEDWAY: First division: Ipswich v Poole (7.30). Second division: Middlesbrough v Newcastle (7.30); Sheffield v Long Eaton (7.45).

Fortuna ready to whistle down the wind



Lawrie Smith examines the prospects for Fortuna in the Whitbread Round the World Race

FORTUNA finishing last among the Whitbread Round the World Race yachts in the Fastnet race has led to a good deal of analysis within the team and a great deal more speculation outside. Is Fortuna a down-wind flyer, or a dog?

Disappointing though the result was, little can be read into the boat's performance. The winds were far from typical to the down-wind conditions in which Fortuna has been designed to excel during the Whitbread race. Had we experienced these strong westerlies in the Fastnet race four years ago, the sloop-rigged yachts like Rothmans would have finished ahead of the ketches.

Fortuna, our five-year-old maxi, has been heavily modified. Apart from extending her length by nine feet and stepping a mizzen wing mast on her stern, she has been fitted with an extreme low-drag keel and bulb to maximise speed down wind.

The disadvantage of this is that the foil produces less lift, resulting in around eight degrees of leeway (or sideways) slip when sailing upwind — double that of our rivals. With so little beating in the Whitbread — during the last race four years ago only 10 per cent of the 33,000-mile course was spent on the wind — that is not too much of a penalty when compared with the performance gains down wind.

So we knew from the outset of the Fastnet, when the forecasts predicted head winds for the 350-mile leg out to the rock, that we would not fare too well and were pleasantly surprised to find ourselves only 13 miles behind Merit Cup, the Swiss maxi of Pierre Fehlmann, when we turned for home. Unfortunately, a combination of ill-luck and changing conditions conspired against us, showing what we know Fortuna can do down wind on the 250-mile return to Plymouth.

First, the winds dropped from 29 to 22 knots and swung from the west, then the fastest point of sailing, to dead astern. Within ten minutes of rounding the rock we had blown out both our mizzen gennakers, the giant reaching/running sails that are 50 per cent bigger than our spinnakers and contribute two to three knots to boat speed.

The first heavy-weather sail snagged on the spreaders supporting the mizzen mast; the second caught in a winch handle which destroyed the foot of the sail. Those were two costly lessons for the crew but even if we could have carried one of these sails for the remainder of the race, the lighter winds we experienced would still have conspired against us making up lost ground on the leaders.

I never like losing but though the result was disappointing the race provided some valuable lessons and we are far from downhearted. It has pinpointed several areas in which we can improve performance. A modified keel, generating more lift than the extreme foil carried on the yacht during the Fastnet is now being fitted and we have more than half a foot of rating to play with to increase our downwind sail area by a further 25 square metres.

Two new bowmen, Jason Carrington and Richard Deppe, have joined the crew with Paul van Dyke, the experienced American, as sail maker, trimmer and helmsman, and Bill Heffernan, the Irishman who sailed with us on Rothmans and who has signed on as mast-man and mechanic.

Fortuna goes back in the water next Wednesday, leaving us with three weeks of intense sail testing and trials before the Whitbread race starts from Southampton on September 25. Only then, when the boat is sailing over a course on which she has been redesigned to excel, should critics begin to judge her performance.

☐ *Lawrie Smith won an Olympic yachting bronze medal last year. He has twice been an America's Cup skipper and this will be his third Whitbread race.*

North Cambridgeshire rink makes progress

SKEGNESS is to the English Bowling Federation (EBF) what Worthing and Leamington are to the English Bowling Association (EBA) and the English Women's Bowling Association: the place where county champions contest the national championships (David Rhys Jones writes).

The federation does not recognise fours, preferring to play in threes or triples, which they call rinks. At the Lincolnshire resort yesterday, the men's champions, Alan Nelson and his father, Ashley, of North Cambridgeshire, partnered Eric Clarke, who won his first national title in 1972, to an 18-14 win over Ronnie Scott, Fred Charlton, and George Emery, of Hirst Park, to move into the semi-finals.

The defending women's champions, Marion Johns, Madeleine Hufton, and Norma Wilson, of Mansfield Ladies, have also qualified for the semi-finals.

Although there is a rivalry between the EBF and the numerically stronger EBA, many bowlers choose to play in both codes. Michael Ward, of Balderton, for example, is a regular qualifier for Worthing, but was in fine form at Skegness yesterday.

Trailing George Pugmire, of Durham, 3-15 at nine ends, Ward scored on seven consecutive ends, squared the match at 17-17 on the nineteenth, and went on to win 21-18.

There are no touchers in the EBF, bowls which drop into the ditch being deemed dead even if they have touched the jack; no bowls further than six feet from the jack can count; and players may change positions during a match.

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Successful foray into sport sponsorship

By Mel Webb



THE Times Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge next week reaches an important stage in its first season when entries close for this year's competition. For the newspaper it has already been a successful foray into sports sponsorship, for Olivetti another page has been written in what is already a huge portfolio in support of sport worldwide.

Olivetti, the Italian-based multi-national company specialising in data processing and transmission, was one of the first to recognise the likely importance of making information technology keep pace with the technical strides being made in sport. In some of the sports in which they involved — skiing, motor racing, athletics, for example — fractions of seconds count, and almost instantaneous access to the computer has become more and more important.

The company's association with golf started in 1985, when an agreement was reached with the Italian Golf Federation (FIG) to supply the country's golf clubs with personal computers to handle administration and tournament management.

Italy has a thriving pro-am scene — it is on the pro-am circuit that Costantino Rocca, who becomes the first Italian to play in the European Ryder Cup team when he appears against the United States at The Belfry next month, cut his competitive teeth. Since 1989 Olivetti personal computers have provided services at leading events such as the Italian Open, recording players' scores and processing results and statistics for use on television.

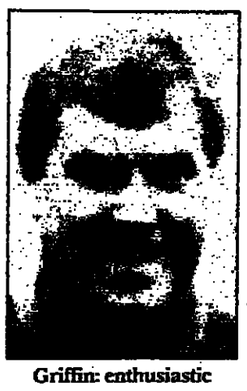
In the FIG's headquarters in Rome a central system collects data on the tournaments played in the country, calculates club golfers' handicaps and manages the federation's historical and statistical archives.

The company has been involved with Formula One motor racing for more than 13 years. Since it was involved in its first race, the Monaco grand prix in 1980, the Olivetti timing and data processing system has calculated more than two million race times, keeping track of drivers and their cars round more than 500,000 laps and calculating 700,000 top speeds.

It is a leading player in international track and field — a vast operation was mounted in the world athletics championships that ended on Sunday — but probably their best-known work was at the finals of the football World Cup in 1990.

More than 150 of the company's technicians were deployed at the 12 stadiums used for the preliminary round matches, and as far as the public were concerned Olivetti's prime function was in bringing graphics-based information for superimposition on their television screen.

Into this involvement with top international sport has come Olivetti's backing at a national level for the Corporate Golf Challenge, the first golf competition in this country to be aimed specifically at the business community. Nearly 2,000 enquiries have been made since the challenge launch at the end of March.



Griffin: enthusiastic

Wyn Griffin, the company's general manager, major accounts, remains enthusiastic about the challenge and his company's sponsorship as it moves towards its regional finals and national final, to be held at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort in southern Spain at the end of November.

"For a start-up operation it has been a major success," he said. "We're delighted to been involved. It has been a high-quality entry, and as far as Olivetti is concerned, it has focused the business world on our name nationally. We couldn't be happier." And neither could any of the several thousand golfers who have taken part.

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Injured Torrance in torment as Cup battle nears end



Torrance: doleful news

FROM JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN DÜSSELDORF

IN OTHER years, the German Open would be one more stop on the long and winding road that Europe's professional golfers travel each season. In non-Ryder Cup years, it is just another £650,000 tournament, another golf course, another hotel.

This week, there is an important sub-text to the event at Hübbelrath Golf Club, in that this tournament will decide the composition of Europe's Ryder Cup team to face the Americans next month. This is the last chance for players to get into the top nine in the Ryder Cup points table on Sunday evening and thus gain automatic selection to the team. It is also the last chance to impress Bernard Gallacher, the European captain, and gain one of the three places he will select and announce at lunch-time on Monday.

There are more permutations and possibilities as to who will get in to the team as of right and who will be selected than there are holes on a golf course. It is possible that one of as many as 13 men not yet in the top nine could win a place at The Belfry. Anyone from Ronan Rafferty, who lies eleventh in the Ryder Cup points table, down to David Feherty, who is in 24th position, is in with a chance.

Only one man can be said to have had his chances worsen this week and that is Sam Torrance, who withdrew from the tournament yesterday morning because of the bruised sternum he inflicted on himself when he crashed into a vase while sleep walking at his hotel last week. Dangerous business, sleeping, clearly. Torrance is in eighth position in the Ryder Cup table with 326.929 points and it is odds-on that he will be overtaken in the next few days.

Spare a thought for Torrance, the injured birthday boy, the man who sank the winning putt at The Belfry in 1985, the player who sticks a pencil behind his right ear when he plays so that he looks like a jobbing chippie. The Scot, who turned 40 on Monday, struggled down to Wentworth yesterday morning and tried to hit some practice balls. It was such agony that he had no option but to withdraw from the tournament.

He went to Gallacher, the professional at Wentworth, with the doleful news. "It is very disappointing for him" Gallacher said.

He did not, however, offer any verbal elixir that might speed Torrance's recovery, such as an assurance that he would select Torrance if the Scot was bumped out of the leading nine players by virtue of missing this tournament. "There are no guarantees in this business" Gallacher said. "It's not fair. I said all along this could go down to the last minute. I won't make a decision until Sunday evening when I know who is in the top nine."

That is all very statesmanlike. The trouble is that hardly were those words out of Gallacher's mouth than Severiano Ballesteros was saying in Germany that at Gallacher's request he had rung José María Olazábal over the weekend to try and persuade him to play in this tournament. Olazábal is taking this week off and he would hardly do that if he felt his place in the team was in doubt.

From the way Ballesteros was talking, it is clear that he has been assured that he and Olazábal will receive two of Gallacher's invitations. "Our coordination is fantastic," Ballesteros said. "There is good communication between us. It has always been like that and I think it is going to be like that." Significantly, he went on to say he thought Olazábal was correct to take this week off. "He needs a couple of weeks off. It was the right decision."

The two of them have lost only one of the 12 matches they have played together since Ballesteros was appointed guardian angel to Olazábal, the Ryder Cup debutant, at Muirfield Village in 1987. Furthermore, they beat Payne Stewart and Tom Watson 4 and 3 at foursomes in a made-for-television match held at Pedreña, Ballesteros's home club, the day after the Open Championship ended.

"That [match] was important," Ballesteros said yesterday. "We both played well, no bogeys." A lot of pride was at stake and the intensity of the two Spaniards in that match was striking. At the US PGA a couple of weeks later Tom Watson observed: "If that tells you anything about Seve, it tells you everything."

Sandy Lyle could play his way into Gallacher's team if he wins this week's £108,000 first prize. It would be his second victory during the Ryder Cup selection period, but trying to read Ballesteros's mind, which can contain as many layers as a Russian doll, one was left with the impression that he did not think Lyle had done enough to deserve an invitation.

On that point, Ballesteros was diplomatic, the soul of discretion. On another point, he was outspoken. "I think our team is going to win," he said. "There is no doubt in my mind. I hope they have been keeping the cup clean for us."

EUROPEAN LIST

Leading nine qualify automatically, three wild cards, GB and Ireland unless stated

1, N Faldo, 513,022.50; 2, C Montgomerie, 451,988.08; 3, B Langer (Ger), 412,108.98; 4, I Woosnam, 374,838.12; 5, C Rocca (It), 371,257.25; 6, B Lane, 369,382.75; 7, M James, 345,385.06; 8, S Torrance, 326,929.20; 9, P Baker, 306,209.17; 10, J M Olazábal (Sp), 282,488.14; 11, R Rafferty, 276,575.99; 12, M Roe, 270,965.74; 13, J Haeggman (Swe), 267,883.43; 14, P Broadhurst, 262,856.84; 15, A Forsbrand (Swe), 261,223.26; 16, S Richardson, 252,636.24; 17, J Spence, 242,343.31; 18, G Brand Jr, 236,823.93; 19, D Gilford, 224,498.57; 20, J Pierrevik (Swe), 222,082.65; 21, J Payne, 214,307.34; 22, A Lyle, 210,078.18; 23, M-A Jiménez (Sp), 206,324.57; 24, D Feherty, 205998.17; 25, J Van de Velde (Fr), 177,185.75.

Middlesex in search of decisive victory

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TO ANYBODY other than an Essex follower, it is appropriate that Middlesex could win the county championship over the next few days at Colchester. To do so, they must beat Essex, not only the champions but the one county whose recent achievements rival their own, while Northamptonshire fail to win against Leicestershire.

Middlesex are on the threshold of their seventh championship in 18 years, a period in which they have also collected seven limited-overs trophies. Essex, who had won nothing until 1979, can list six championships and five one-day successes since. Supremacy has never quite been resolved between them but this, unarguably, is Middlesex's year.

If they cannot quite wrap up the title at Castle Park, where Essex are seldom defeated, Middlesex may find themselves crowned without taking the field, as they have no fixture in the next round of games. Their lead over second-placed Glamorgan is 58 points, with a maximum of 72 still available to each side, and even Northamptonshire, six points further back but with a game in hand, can realistically be thinking of nothing better than finishing runners-up.

To much eyebrow-raising from those who confidently expected the title to stay a Chelmsford. Graham Gooch warned before the season began that he might have as much trouble winning with Essex as with England. It has proved worse than he feared. Despite providing five players for the Test side, Essex occupy fourteenth place and they have not finished as low as that in the past 25 years.

Today, however, Gooch is back for only his seventh championship game of the season, striving to regain his place as the leading English-man in the batting averages from, of all people, his great friend, John Emburey.

With the bat, Emburey has been the county season's curiosity, constantly extracting Middlesex from the mire with his homespun methods. For a side that has won 10 out of 14 games, it reveals a reliance on the likes of Emburey that Middlesex have nobody who has made 1,000 runs.

But it is with the ball, in tandem with his fellow spinner, Phil Tufnell, that Emburey has had the more telling impact, and it is this pair who present Essex with their greatest threat today, on a pitch that invariably turns. Emburey and Tufnell against John Childs and Peter Such should be enough for any slow bowling connoisseur.

Glamorgan's chance of the title may now be no better than mathematical but their season deserves recognition. Since 1972, when they followed up their title year by finishing second, their highest placing is eighth and they have been last five times. To remain in contention for the pennant to the end of August is, according to Hugh Morris, the captain, "a marvellous bonus for us".

Morris, who could not have justified more emphatically his return to the captaincy, still has prospects of lifting a trophy, in the Sunday league, which Glamorgan lead. But today, in the peerless setting of Abergavenny, he will be urging his side to stay in touch with the leaders against Gloucestershire, whose motivation is to win their private battle with Durham to escape the wooden spoon.

With Surrey's challenge fallen away, as it has done so often in recent seasons, Northamptonshire were emerging as the main threat to Middlesex until their feeble demise at Lord's last weekend. Perhaps it is because they have never won the title that Northamptonshire freeze whenever the prospect arises.

Now, they must beat their traditional bank holiday opponents, Leicestershire, to retain any hope, and they can expect nothing remotely neighbourly.

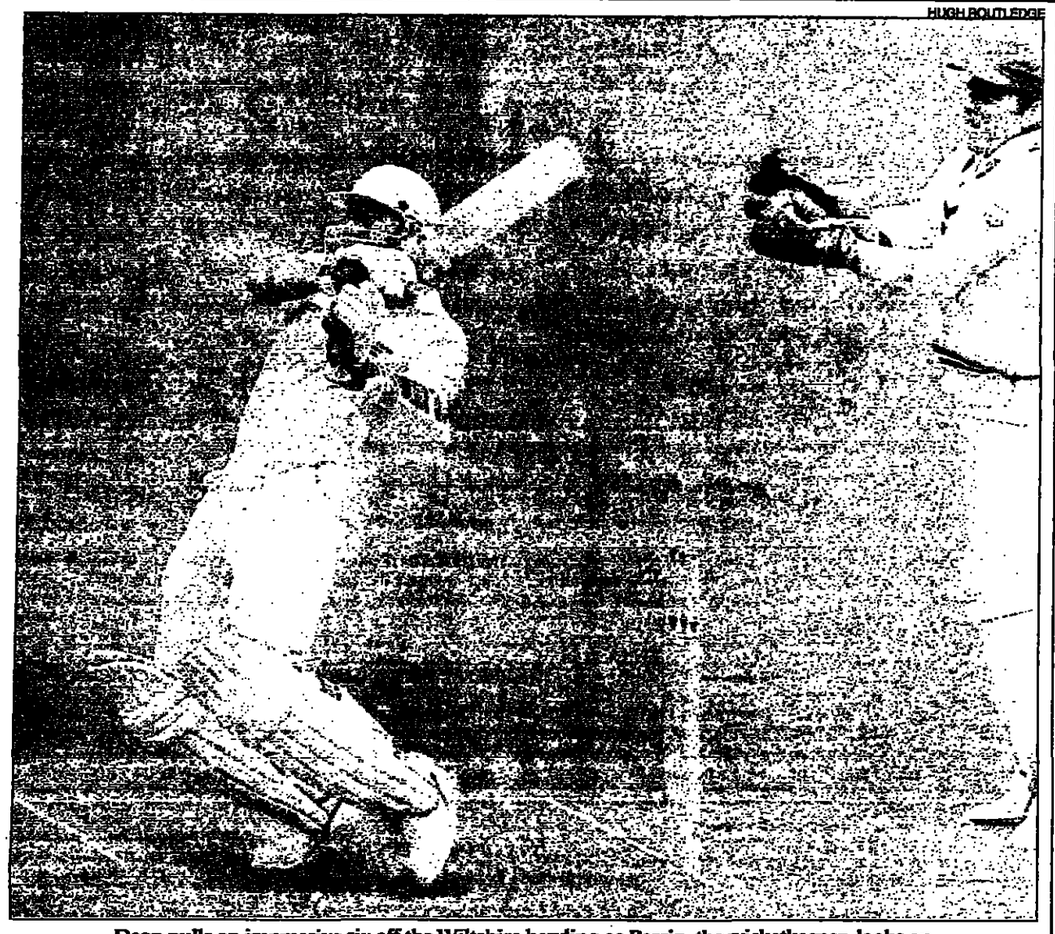
☐ Mark Benson, the Kent captain, is to consult a specialist about a persistent knee problem after aggravating the injury in the championship match against Worcestershire. Benson will miss Kent's match against Lancashire starting at Lytham today, withSteve Marsh leading the side in his absence.

THE RUN-IN

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex	14	10	0	4	34	51	245
Glamorgan	14	7	4	3	30	45	187
Surrey	14	6	5	3	33	54	183
Northants	13	7	4	2	23	45	180

MIDDLESEX: Today: Essex (Colchester). Sept 9: Lancashire (Lord's). Sept 16: Worcestershire (Worcester).
GLAMORGAN: Today: Gloucestershire (Abergavenny) Sept 9: Essex (Cardiff) Sept 16: Kent (Canterbury).
SURREY: Today: Somerset (Oval) Aug 31: Hampshire (Oval). Sept 16: Yorkshire (Oval)
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: Today: Leicestershire (Northampton) Aug 31: Kent (Canterbury) Sept 9: Derbyshire (Derby) Sept 16: Lancashire (Old Trafford)

HUGH BOUTLEDGE



Dean pulls an impressive six off the Wiltshire bowling as Perrin, the wicketkeeper, looks on

Dean punishes Wiltshire

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S (Staffordshire won toss): Staffordshire beat Wiltshire by 69 runs

STAFFORDSHIRE is an odd place. On its southern border, as holiday magazines might have it, lies Wolverhampton, possibly the least lovely town in the Midlands. At its northern tip lie the Potteries. Hidden away off the M6, between the ravages of a post-industrial society, there are some fine villages.

It is a land of kilns and Sloanes, pit villages and country estates where Marston's Pedigree is king. It is also a county that has produced, and continues to produce, a disproportionate number of talented cricketers. Wiltshire were swept aside in this MCC Trophy final by the tidal wave of Staffordshire's batting.

S. F. Barnes is the great name in Staffordshire's cricket history, as Stanley Matthews is the pre-eminent footballer. Neville Cardus once left a pile of coins on the top of middle stump and watched Barnes pitch a leg-break that knocked them off — just as Shane Warne would nowadays, did someone say?

There has been a steady trickle of Test players since that day: Jack Ikin, Ken Higgs, David Steele and Bob Taylor, all wizened campaigners. Rob Bailey too and Kim Barnett who may be joined on the list next year by his Derbyshire colleague, Dominic Cork.

Then there are those the county can claim by association. Paul Taylor, of Northamptonshire, who played for England in India last winter, was a Staffordshire cricketer as recently as 1990. In turn, he replaced Joey Benjamin, now of Surrey. Staffordshire have never been short of gifted amateurs.

Steve Dean, of Walsall, claimed this match as his own. Few batsmen have struck the ball so cleanly at Lord's this year and fewer still so often. He made 99 from 87 balls, 84 of them in boundaries, and missed out on a hundred in a manner that will haunt his dreams for the rest of his days.

Dean had driven North over extra cover for his fourth six two balls before his dismissal. Driving powerfully and straight for the single that would have raised his century, he saw the ball hit Cartledge, his partner, on the pad and loop obligingly for North to take a fine diving catch. Dean stood his ground, transfixed. Things like that do not happen when you are on 99, or 23. Slowly it dawned on him that he was out, however unfortunately, and he wandered off a broken man, though not nearly so broken as the Wiltshire bowlers.

After an opening stand of 149 in 25 overs, Staffordshire's eventual score of 326 for seven, the highest in this final, was comfortably achieved. On the day they were docked 16 points by the Minor Counties, which ruled they had brought a recent game against Berkshire into disrepute by feeding easy runs, Wiltshire were overstretched. Paul Newman, a winner with Derbyshire in the 1981 NatWest final, took three wickets, and there were three more for Myles.

SCOREBOARD

STAFFORDSHIRE

S J Dean c and b North	99
D Cartledge lbw b Tomlins	55
D A Banks c Foyle b Tomlins	26
S D Myles lbw b Tomlins	38
A J Dutton b Barnes	30
P G Newman c Savage b Barnes	33
†M I Humphries b Barnes	11
*N J Archer not out	4
T M Heap not out	10
Extras (lb 6, w 4, nb 10)	20
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	326

R A Spires and N P Hackett did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-149, 2-173, 3-233, 4-242, 5-295, 6-301, 7-318.
BOWLING: Barnes 10-0-76-3; Sheppard 10-2-48-0; Marsh 6-0-37-0; Prigent 7-0-48-0; North 11-1-58-1; Tomlins 11-0-53-3

WILTSHIRE

L K Smith c Dean b Myles	74
P M Marsh c Archer b Heap	36
K P Tomlins c Banks b Myles	60
†S M Perrin b Newman	9
R R Savage lbw b Newman	0
D P Simpkins b Myles	16
*K N Foyle not out	29
P D North b Newman	14
N Prigent not out	1
Extras (lb 11, w 5)	16
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs)	257

S Barnes and G Sheppard did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75, 2-141, 3-184, 4-164, 5-193, 6-221, 7-245.
BOWLING: Newman 11-0-30-3, Hackett 11-4-27-0; Heap 9-0-44-1, Spires 7-0-43-0; Myles 11-0-68-3; Dutton 6-0-34-0.
Umpires: P Adams and D J Hallyard.

Sixth-wicket pair foil S Africa

AN UNBROKEN sixth-wicket stand of 73 between Hashan Tillekeratne and Ruwan Kalpage lifted Sri Lanka to 241 for five on the first day of their first Test against South Africa in Moratuwa, near Colombo, yesterday. At the close Tillekeratne was on 37 and Kalpage 39.

Allan Donald, the South Africa fast bowler, struck in each of the three sessions to finish the day with three for 44 off 17 overs. Brett Schultz, the left-arm bowler, captured the other two wickets for 59 off 21 overs. Hansie Cronje, the medium-pace bowler, played a fine supporting role, yielding only 18 runs off 19 overs, of which 11 were maidens.

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama b Schultz	53
C Hathurusinghe c Richardson b Donald	1
A Gurusinha c Richardson b Donald	26
P A de Silva c Wessels b Schultz	27
*A Ranatunga c Richardson b Donald	44
H P Tillekeratne not out	37
R S Kalpage not out	39
Extras (lb 9, nb 4, w 1)	14
Total (5 wkts)	241

†P Dassanayake, G P Wickremasinghe, M Muralitharan and P K Wijetunga to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-77, 3-100, 4-157, 5-168
BOWLING: Donald 17-3-44-3; Schultz 21-6-59-2; Eksteen 14-4-44-0, Cronje 19-11-18-0; Symcox 19-3-67-0.
SOUTH AFRICA: *K C Wessels, A C Hudson, W J Cronje, S J Cook, D J Cullinan, J N Rhodes, †D J Richardson, P L Symcox, C E Eksteen, B N Schultz, A A Donald.
Umpires: B Aldridge and K T Francis.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ukrainian athletes banned for doping

TATYANA Dorovskikh and Lyudmila Dzhigalova, who have both won Olympic gold medals, were banned for four years by the Ukrainian Athletic Federation yesterday for using anabolic steroids. Dorovskikh, 32, who, as Tatyana Samolenko, won the 3,000 metres at the Seoul Games for the Soviet Union, and Dzhigalova, 31, who won a gold medal under CIS colours in the 4 x 400 metres relay at Barcelona, were disqualified by a unanimous decision.

Federation president Yuri Tamasov said an international anti-doping commission had provided documents showing the positive results. Dzhigalova's test, conducted in Ukraine on July 31, by a team from the International Amateur Athletic Federation, showed two different types of steroids. Dorovskikh was found positive at Vienna and Budapest in June, and withdrawn from the team for the world championships. Tamasov said both women refused to attend the hearing in Kiev but had protested their innocence.

First win for Britain

HOCKEY: Great Britain scored twice in the second half to defeat Spain, the Olympic champions, 2-0 yesterday, posting their first win of the women's Champions Trophy tournament in Amsterdam. The British team, playing their third match, recovered from an indifferent first-half display and took the lead in the fiftieth minute, when Jane Smith, the Chelmsford striker, scored with a diving shot.

Sally Gibson sealed the win five minutes from time when she nudged the ball over the line following Britain's fourth penalty corner. The coach, Sue Slocombe, said: "I'm delighted we've got our first victory. I thought we could have beaten them 4-0, but all the players are growing in stature. We have learnt a great deal about the game at this level."

Challenge for Battleday

WATER SKIING: The British team, which has already won a record 48 medals at European and world-class competitions this season, is hoping to continue its success at the European championships, which start today in Gmunden, Austria. John Battleday and Philippa Roberts, both defending slalom titles, face stiff competition, particularly from junior members of their own team, like Jodi Fisher, 21, who was the first to break Battleday's five-year domination of the European circuit, and Nicola Huntridge, 18, who beat Roberts to the overall national title.

Buffalo counts the cost

WORLD STUDENT GAMES: Organizers of the Buffalo Games, held in New York State last month, have announced an estimated loss of $2.5 million (£1.67 million), at least $1 million more than the gloomiest predictions. The treasurer, Ronald Coan, indicated yesterday that early estimates may have been optimistic. "The initial numbers were perhaps lower than what we'll expect to find when the final report is done," he said. A report detailing Games revenues and expenses is expected to be completed for a meeting of the directors on September 15.

Becker blunders out

TENNIS: Boris Becker, the No 2 seed, lost 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 to Andrei Chesnokov in the first round of the Hamlet Cup in Commack, New York, yesterday. The unseeded Russian, ranked 25th in the world, fought back from a 3-0 deficit in the first set, to lead 5-3. "That's when I got confidence I could win," Chesnokov said. "I played well and he missed a lot." Becker lost match point by serving a double fault, and later criticised the umpire, Richard Kaufman. "There must have been 20 bad calls, on both sides of the net," Becker said. "He didn't have the guts to overrule them."

Offiah misses opener

RUGBY LEAGUE: Andy Platt, last season's player of the year, and Martin Offiah will be missing when Wigan open their defence of the League championship with a home fixture against Hull on Sunday. Both are recovering from shoulder injuries. Offiah, who recently underwent surgery, will be replaced on the left wing by Danny Ellison, a 19-year-old who will make his senior debut. Steve Hampson, the Halifax fullback, has been ruled out for two months after suffering a groin injury.

FINAL AUSTRALIAN TOUR AVERAGES

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	Runs	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/s
D C Boon	14	23	4	1437	164*	75.63	9	2	10
M E Waugh	16	25	6	1361	178	71.63	4	9	18
D R Martyn	12	15	3	838	138*	69.83	4	3	9/1
S R Waugh	16	21	8	875	157*	67.30	3	2	7
M L Hayden	13	21	1	1150	151*	57.50	3	7	9
M J Slater	17	28	4	1275	152	53.12	4	8	6
A R Border	16	21	3	823	200*	45.72	1	4	15
M A Taylor	15	25	2	972	124	42.26	3	4	25
I A Healy	15	20	7	499	102*	38.38	1	3	42/11
M G Hughes	14	12	3	299	71	33.22	-	2	3
B P Julian	13	17	6	264	66	25.81	-	2	7
P R Reiffel	13	9	1	181	52	22.62	-	1	3
S K Warne	16	15	4	246	47	22.36	-	-	8
T J Zoehrer	16	15	4	246	47	22.36	-	-	17/4
C J McDermott	8	9	1	115	38	14.37	-	-	3
T B A May	8	3	0	42	23	14.00	-	-	5
W J Holdsworth	17	9	5	31	15	7.75	-	-	2

Bowling

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i10m	
T J Zoehrer	87.2	21	250	12	20.83	3-16	-	-
S K Warne	765.4	281	1698	75	22.64	5-61	2	-
T B A May	562.5	156	1429	53	26.96	5-89	1	-
M G Hughes	470.2	113	1420	48	29.58	5-92	1	-
P R Reiffel	375.4	85	1113	37	30.08	6-71	2	-
S R Waugh	73.1	19	229	7	32.71	2-9	-	-
W J Holdsworth	204.5	32	833	23	36.21	5-117	1	-
B P Julian	318.5	58	1158	29	39.93	5-63	1	-
M E Waugh	121.1	28	403	6	67.16	3-26	-	-
C J McDermott	143	26	449	6	74.83	2-36	-	-

ALSO BOWLED: M L Hayden 8.4-1-31-1; M A Taylor 9-0-31-1; A R Border 65-17-177-3; D R Martyn 8-2-21-0

Tour record

TEST MATCHES: First Test (Old Trafford): Australia won by 179 runs. Second Test (Lord's): Australia won by an innings and 62 runs. Third Test (Trent Bridge): Match drawn. Fourth Test (Headingley): Australia won by an innings and 148 runs. Fifth Test (Edgbaston): Australia won by eight wickets. Sixth Test (The Oval). England won by 161 runs.

ONE-DAY INTERNATIONALS: First match (Old Trafford): Australia won by 4 runs. Second match (Edgbaston): Australia won by 6 wickets. Third match (Lord's). Australia won by 19 runs

TETLEY BITTER CHALLENGE: Worcestershire (Worcester): won by 5 wickets. Somerset (Taunton): won by 35 runs. Sussex (Hove): drawn. Surrey (Oval): won by 174 runs. Leicestershire (Leicester): won by 97 runs. Warwickshire (Edgbaston): drawn Gloucestershire (Bristol): drawn. Hampshire (Southampton): drawn. Derbyshire (Derby): drawn. Durham (Durham University): drawn. Lancashire (Old Trafford): lost by 5 wickets Glamorgan (Neath): drawn. Kent (Canterbury): won by 89 runs. Essex (Chelmsford): drawn.

OTHER MATCHES: England Amateur XI (Radlett): won by 94 runs. Duchess of Norfolk XI (Arundel): won by 7 runs. Middlesex (Lord's): won by 69 runs. Northamptonshire (Northampton): lost on scoring rate. Combined Universities (The Parks): won by 58 runs. Ireland (Clontarf). won 272 runs.

Overall record: played 30, won 18, drawn 9, lost 3.

☐ *TCCB Official Cricket Statistics*

FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES

Batting

Qualification: 6 completed innings

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J E Emburey	14	17	7	680	123	68.00	2	5
S R Waugh	16	21	8	875	157*	67.30	3	2
C W J Athey	13	23	4	1224	137	64.42	4	6
G A Gooch	15	28	2	1670	159*	64.23	4	13
K J Barnett	13	19	3	1017	188	63.56	5	2
J E Morris	16	25	1	1414	229	58.91	5	6
M W Gatting	13	19	3	938	182	58.62	3	4
M L Hayden	13	21	1	1150	151*	57.50	3	7
T S Curtis	16	27	2	1376	127	55.04	5	6
A P Wells	14	22	2	1075	144	53.75	4	4
M J Slater	17	28	4	1275	152	53.12	4	8
G A Hick	15	26	2	1254	187	52.25	4	5
J D Carr	14	19	5	716	192*	51.14	2	2
M A Atherton	16	28	1	1349	137	49.96	3	9
N Hussain	16	27	4	1145	152	49.78	5	4
V P Terry	15	27	2	1239	174	49.56	4	5
J P Crawley	16	28	3	1224	187*	48.96	2	7

Bowling

Qualification: 20 wickets

	O	M	R	W	Avge	BB	5i10m	
C E L Ambrose	374.1	118	783	44	17.79	5-76	1	-
Wasim Akram	273	67	700	39	17.94	8-68	3	1
K M Curran	378.4	101	1048	57	18.38	7-47	3	-
A P Igglesden	348.3	89	809	44	18.38	6-56	3	1
M P Bicknell	502.2	137	1341	67	20.01	6-43	6	2
J E Emburey	674.4	213	1310	64	20.46	8-40	2	1
A E Warner	284.5	72	759	37	20.51	5-27	3	1
S L Watkin	640.4	150	1697	79	21.48	5-71	2	-
Waqar Younis	397.4	78	1249	58	21.53	6-42	4	-
W K M Benjamin	281.3	81	702	32	21.93	7-83	3	-
M A V Bell	168.1	41	532	24	22.16	7-48	3	-
M Ahmed	516.5	150	1336	60	22.26	7-91	6	3
S K Warne	785.4	261	1698	75	22.64	5-61	2	-
D A Reeve	266.1	99	501	22	22.77	3-38	-	-
C A Walsh	420.5	99	1165	50	23.30	5-59	3	-
M A Robinson	393.1	110	960	41	23.41	9-37	3	1
K C G Benjamin	268.5	42	843	36	23.41	6-70	2	-
C L Cairns	372.5	66	1127	48	23.47	6-70	3	-
E E Hemmings	546.5	152	1263	52	24.28	7-31	2	1
P C R Tufnell	639.3	171	1438	59	24.37	8-29	3	-

☐ *Please credit TCCB Official Cricket Statistics*

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

TRILLIUM

(c) A genus (chiefly North American) of perrenial endogenous herbs bearing a whorl of three thin short-stalked or stalkless leaves at the summit of a simple stem with a solitary flower in the middle. In America also called *wake-robin*. Also, a plant of this genus.

UMBRATION

(c) In Heraldry, a faintly outlined figure. *Adumbration*. Evelyn, *Religious Historian*, 1706: "Which, though resembling, are yet but faint shadows and umbrations of that sublime nature."

COGWARE

(a) A coarse kind of cloth, apparently resembling frieze, made of the most inferior wool. *Richard III*, Act I: "Cloths called Vesses, Cogware or Worsteds."

RACEME

(b) A cluster of grapes. A simple inflorescence in which the flowers are arranged on short, nearly equal, lateral pedicels, at equal distances on an elongated axis. *Compound raceme*, one having the lower pedicels developed into secondary racemes.

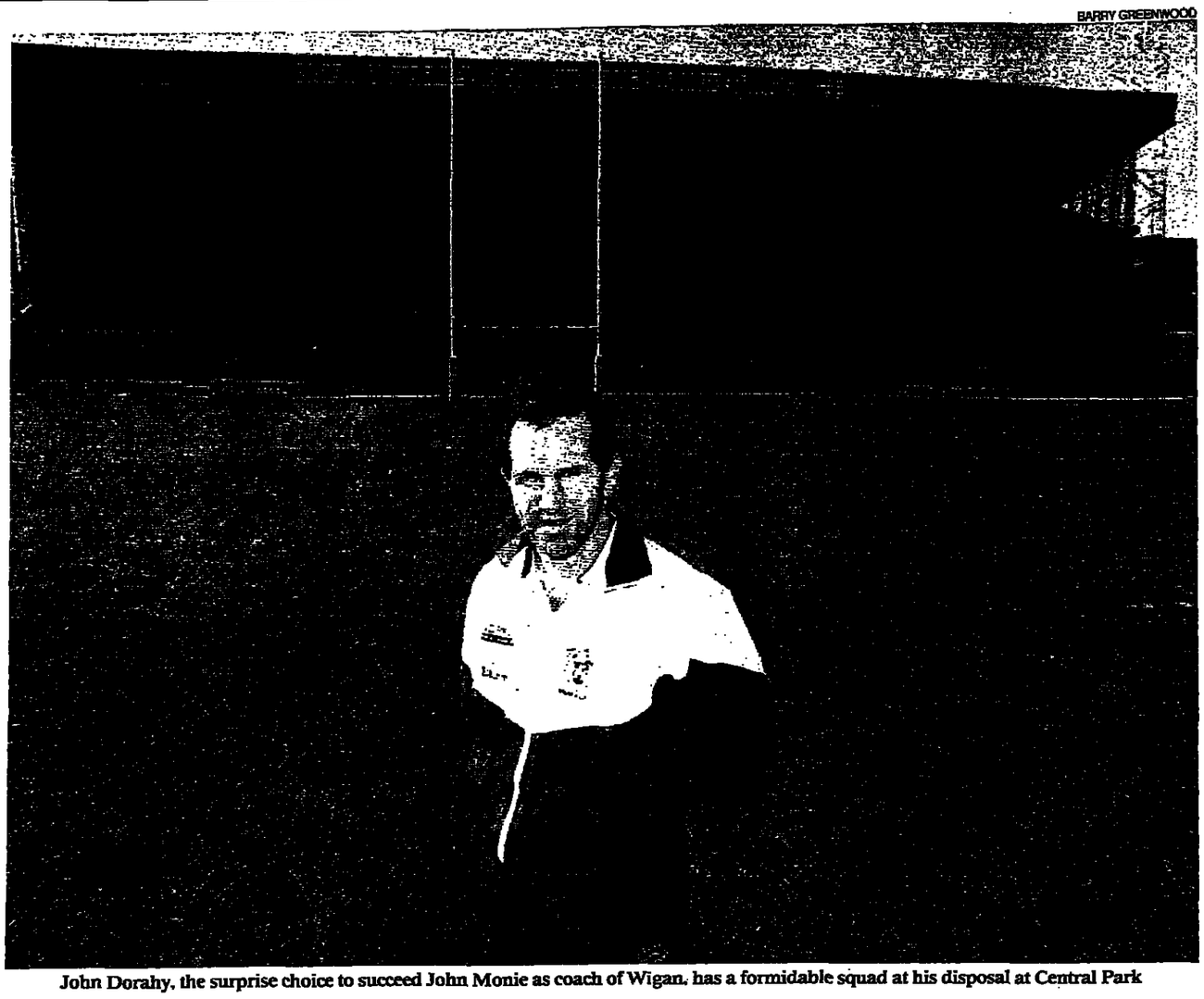
SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The brilliant interference move 1 Nd7! wins, e.g. 1 ... Bxd7 2 Rf3! Be6 3 Rfxh3+ Kg8 4 Rh8 mate.

Dorahy emerges at top of pecking order

Christopher Irvine on the man given the task of maintaining Wigan's supremacy in the new *rugby league season*

BARRY GREENWOOD



John Dorahy, the surprise choice to succeed John Monie as coach of Wigan, has a formidable squad at his disposal at Central Park

Just before Wigan came up with one of the most surprising offers in rugby league, John Dorahy was about to pack in his first love and take up a job in Canberra as sales manager for a poultry firm. There was no hesitation. The chickens lost.

As coach at Central Park, Dorahy now has charge of an English sporting dynasty. He was not the only one to raise an eyebrow at his appointment. After all, he was merely assistant coach to the Newcastle Knights in Australia and looking to leave the game for the financial security of his family. His curriculum vitae also included an undistinguished season as player-coach of Halifax in 1989-90.

When Wigan secretly flew Dorahy over to witness a 50-point defeat of Leigh in March, he was spotted by some of the players and instructed to say that he was just passing through. At that time, Warren Ryan, Tim Sheens and Brian Smith, three leading Australian coaches, were all in the running to succeed the venerable John Monie, who is now in charge of the Auckland Warriors.

To all except the board of directors at Central Park, Dorahy, 38, was a non-starter. In him, Jack Robinson, the chairman, saw easily the best candidate; a coach with vision and fresh ideas, who was committed to the free-flowing English values of attack, in contrast to the defensive strategies prevalent in Australia.

Importantly, he represented continuity. While he is his own man, Dorahy is still something of a chip off the Monie block. He is a thinker but not a radical, prepared to learn from his players, but with new tricks of his own.

There is still a sense of disbelief on Dorahy's part. Monie, on succeeding the legendary Jack Gibson at Parramatta, was likened to the unfortunate batsman having to go in after Bradman. "It's something like that," Dorahy said. "But the really daunting side of it is the spectators and everyone here who wants the incredible success to continue."

Monie managed 14 trophies, including the league championship and Challenge Cup double in four successive years, yet still received letters telling him he was doing it all wrong. "Wigan have the sternest critics in the world," Dorahy said. "But at the moment they just want two questions answering. First, beat St Helens and, second, take us back to Wembley. In that order."

The clue as to how Wigan might perform lies in the ball-play Dorahy was renowned for with Sydney Wests, all too briefly for Australia in 1978, and later with a highly successful Hull Kingston Rovers side. His first coaching experience at Halifax, a poor club at that time, included a Regal Trophy final, yet little else went right and he returned home early.

Now "Joe Cool" is back, aware that he will need all his famous composure if Wigan are to continue to attract the superlatives. He accepts that if there is a weakness in his side at the start of a new season, he is it. "Change the No 1 position and, sure, that's a vulnerable area, but a side of this quality and experience won't be kind enough to lay down because of that," he said.

If anything, Wigan appear more formidable this season than last. The departures have been few and the addition of the international centre, Gary Connolly, from St Helens, and the exciting Wakefield teenager, Nigel Wright, alongside Shaun Edwards at half back, has only reinforced the suspicion that the rest will again trail in Wigan's wake.

In the eyrie high above Central Park, Dorahy will dispense with the yards of statistics taken down in the Monie era. Against Hull on Sunday, he will look for a winning start, with an eye to a quality performance.

"My first goal is to reverse the perception that Wigan are slow starters. That's why the first four months are crucial. Achieve that goal, and the rest line themselves up, the league, cups, premiership," he said.

Ambitious stuff, and hardly chicken feed.

Italians triumph but team trials may be scrapped

FROM PETER BRYAN IN OSLO

AFTER 25 kilometres of the world 100km road time trial championship yesterday, the eventual gold medal-winner was already in the lead, the silver medal-winner was second and the bronze medal-winner was racing third. This fact illustrates not only the consistency of the leaders on a demanding course, but also the weakness of the 18 other nations entered.

It is uncertain whether the event will remain on the championship programme. The International Committee has queried its merits, noting that an international team time trial is rarely held outside a world championship or Games series and also that, requiring a different course from that used for the road race, it is expensive to run.

There is a question mark over the event for the 1996 Atlanta Games, and, if it is dropped, it is hardly likely to be retained in the world series.

Should yesterday's trial prove to be the last, its swansong left Italian fans jubilant after their country's first place. Germany, fielding three of their winning Olympic squad, finished second, and Switzerland overcame a puncture to celebrate a place on the podium for the first time in ten years.

The British quartet, all members of the North Wirral-Kodak Club and led by Chris Boardman, neither moved forward nor back, finishing twelfth of the 22 starters, fully 6min 7.4secs behind Italy.

"We're missing something fundamental in the team time trial," Boardman, the Olympic champion having his last ride as an amateur before turning professional, said. "It might be that we should reduce the time a rider stays at the front to set the pace."

The team's present strategy involves each member leading for 250 yards before moving to the rear of the group. Then, the whole cycle starts afresh. The team, comprising Boardman, Peter Longbottom, Simon Lillistone and Paul Jennings, all agreed the six-kilometre climb to Asker, the circuit's turning point outside Oslo, which had to be tackled twice, was "a brute".

Russia, retaining only one rider from the team that won the bronze medal at the Olympic Games last year, led all the way in the women's 50-kilometre trial, avenging their unexpected defeat by the United States team in Barcelona.

The Russians led by 03.1sec at the first check after four kilometres, but, when the Americans lost Jan Bolland on the long climb to the turn, the gap had increased to 1min 22sec. With only three riders to share the pace, the US riders did well to restrict the gap to 1.56sec at 38 kilometres and 3min 0.6sec at the end.

The Americans wore helmets fitted with radio receivers, which enabled their coach to inform them of their progress. Bolland's set was not working but, as she showed signs of weakening on the hill, her colleagues were ordered to increase their pace and leave her to finish alone.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Britain will host the world track championships in September 1996 at the new 250m velodrome now under construction at Manchester. The championships have been held in Britain only three times this century.

Ian Emmerson, president of the British Cycling Federation, made the announcement at an embassy reception here last night and said it was also possible that the junior races would be included on the Manchester programme.

The championships will be split from the road titles, which are scheduled to be raced at Monaco in September, enabling riders to recuperate from the Olympic Games in Atlanta, which will have taken place in August.

RESULTS: Men: 100km team time trial: 1, Italy, 2hr 00min 18.8sec; 2, Germany, 2:01:40.7; 3, Switzerland, 2:02:47.1; 4, France, 2:03:20.1; 5, Czech Rep, 2:03.55.6; 6, Australia, 2:04:08.5; 12, Britain, 2:06:26.2. Women: 50km team time trial: 1, Russia, 1hr 6min 31.8sec; 2, United States, 1:09.32.2; 3, Italy, 1:09:34.7; 4, Germany, 1:09:42.5; 5, France, 1:10:35.8; 6, Canada, 1:10.38.8.

SPORTS LETTERS

Tactics stifle flair and talent

From Mr Alex Harris

Sir, "How refreshing it was to see Arsenal trump Spurs with their own tactical card last Monday" Rob Hughes wrote of the north London derby (August 21). If dropping two players of flair and talent — Paul Merson and Anders Limpar — in favour of the "aggressive" Ray Parlour and "stifling" John Jensen can be regarded as refreshing, it is no wonder that English football is in its current state.

Arsenal's tactic was as much about stopping the opposition playing as anything else, and they are by no means alone in doing this. The sad truth of the matter is that Arsenal won a "frenzied" game by a single goal, vindicating the tactic. Will coaches now be encouraged by this, adopting counter-tactics which concentrate on stifling the opposition, rather than exploiting the talents of their own players?

This epitomises a problem that is rife throughout our game: players with genuine skill are denied any chance to use their initiative and flair — sometimes by being dropped, as Arsenal have done.

It also provides an explanation for the relatively few England caps gained by players such as Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle. They would have been omitted in favour of the aggressive midfield player who is essentially nothing but a stopper. And look where that has taken us in the last two decades.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX HARRIS,
87 Dorien Road,
Raynes Park, SW20.

Rod not spared

From Mr Mark Hatcher

Sir, To quite a few anglers the National Rivers Authority is exasperating. The doomed proposals made earlier this year for the rating of fisheries, on top of its earlier failures, indicated a complete lack of considered strategy for financing the Fisheries Service, and the return to a multiplicity of rod licences shows that nothing has changed.

The NRA has never offered justification for charging anglers, through rod licences, for the Fisheries Service. The effort is needed largely to undo the damage caused to the aquatic environment by many other interests, yet the angler, who suffers the most, is expected to foot the bill.

This is inconsistent with the NRA's approach to its other responsibilities, and disregards the recommendation made in 1979 by the National Water Council Working Party on Fisheries Finance: "It is important to ensure that fisheries accounts are charged only with expenditure properly allocated to fisheries: in particular, expenditure incurred as a result of the activities of other services — fish kills arising from sewage discharges, making good losses arising from land drainage, etc. — should be charged to the service responsible."

This alone is sufficient to reject the current rod licence proposals, but it should not be forgotten that the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 stated that licences should be to "regulate fishing", and it is conceivable that using funds raised by rod licences for any other purpose is illegal.

The NRA Fisheries Service is essential, but it cannot plan ahead or respond properly to need without a soundly based, robust funding system, and that is something that rod licences cannot provide. To continue to tinker with an out-of-date idea is increasingly unacceptable, but in the run-up to the Environment Agency it is indefensible.

Yours faithfully,
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Secretary, Standing Conference of Consultatives for Fisheries and Angling,
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Goldsworth Park,
Woking, Surrey.

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Varied future for cricket

From Brigadier R. Mountford

Sir, There has been much critical comment concerning reasons for the poor performance by England against Australia.

I recently watched two under-13 representative matches played at Liphook. The first was between Whitehill, the East Hampshire League champions, and the best players from the rest of the league; the second between East Hampshire and West Surrey.

Standards at this level are high. Batsmen played their strokes with skill and power, with cover driving and pulling as good as at the Oval in the final Test match. The bowlers rarely strayed from line and length and showed how to swing and spin the ball. Catches were invariably taken, and not a gold neck chain was to be seen.

Junior cricket is in safe hands.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD MOUNTFORD.
Army and Navy Club, SW1.

From Henry Coverdale

Sir, Last year I spent a year in Sydney, Australia, and attended a junior school called Manly West Public. During breaks we used to play cricket against a wall with stumps painted on it or a dustbin, and we had a cricket team.

Here in England at my junior school we do not play at breaks and certainly don't have lessons.

Could this be the reason Australia have beaten us at cricket?

Yours faithfully,
HENRY COVERDALE,
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Birmingham.

Sledgers stumped

From Mr John Whitehouse

Sir, What about a microphone in the stumps to counteract sledging?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WHITEHOUSE.
Moat Farmhouse,
Leigh,
Tonbridge,
Kent.

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Triathlon unfairly criticised

From Mr Peter Cottrell

Sir, The extent to which your report (August 23) criticised the world triathlon championships in Manchester was unfair and unhelpful to the sport.

The way that the Spencer Smith "helmet affair" was handled was certainly not perfect, but it was a lot better than the way similar controversies were dealt with at the world athletic championships in Stuttgart.

In Manchester the infringement was noted, then discussed with those involved, and a decision was made (apparently to the satisfaction of the leading competitors) and stuck to.

This contrasts to Stuttgart, where, on at least two occasions, infringements were noticed, the "guilty" parties were immediately disqualified and the results announced. Then, after their teams had appealed, the competitors were reinstated and the result changed and reannounced — on one occasion on the next day.

The latter method, surely much less satisfactory, is also used at every Olympic Games. It is better to delay the decision until all parties have been heard, then to make one final ruling and to stand by it.

Yours faithfully,
PETER COTTRELL.
64 Manor Way,
Petts Wood,
Kent.

From Mr David Haskins

Sir, As assistant chief race marshal of the world triathlon championships, I must respond to your article. I was also the race judge responsible for passing Spencer Smith's transgression of the rules along the chain of command to the international race referee for final decision.

At no time was it felt by myself, or any other marshal who witnessed Smith's transition from cycling to running, that the offence merited a disqualification. However, the watchword for the day was equality for all athletes regardless of the country they represented.

As the controversy affected Britain's leading competitor, the chief race marshal and I felt that the race referee, Didier Lehanoff, should make the final decision. As with any event involving almost 1,400 athletes covering 51.5 kilometres, it took a while to get the necessary people together, but the final decision was made in seconds.

Your report blew this out of all proportion.

The important point is that we witnessed a British triumph, and an exciting and colourful event proved that Manchester can stage large-scale international championships successfully. This bodes well for the Olympic bid and for triathlon as a full participating sport.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HASKINS,
40 Sheppey Close,
Broadfield,
Crawley,
West Sussex.

New light on laws

From Mrs René MacColl

Sir, You were good enough to publish a letter from me in September 1965, when I had the temerity to suggest a cricket innovation — that light meters should be used for important fixtures.

I was duly laughed to scorn and subsequently left the country.

Returning to England in 1987, I resumed watching cricket and was amazed, on my first visit to Lord's, to find that the umpires were using light meters.

Now could I humbly suggest that something must be down about the lbw law. In an entirely professional game it seems to me wrong that so much hangs on a decision as to where precisely a ball in flight "would have gone".

When the laws were formulated, the game was played without pads and bowling was underarm, and some burly blacksmith may have annoyed the opposing team by kicking the ball when he thought it might hit the wicket before he could get his curved bat (something between a hockey stick and a golf club) into play.

So the no-leg-before-wicket law was made, and if a man kicked the ball he was out.

Surely none of this now applies and the lbw law should undergo basic revision. Or could it revert to the original version "kicking the ball gets a batsman out"?

Yours faithfully,
HERMIONE MacCOLL,
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Lyme Regis,
Dorset.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Luton 4, Queens Park Rangers 2
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group six: Austria 2, Finland 2 (in Vienna).
JOAO HAVELANGE CUP: Final, second leg: Mogi Mirim 4, Vasco da Gama 0 (aet; agg: 4-4; Vasco da Gama win 4-3 on penalties).
Late results on Tuesday
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal 2, Leeds 1; Manchester City 0, Blackburn 2; Oldham 3, Coventry 3; Sheffield Utd 2, Wimbledon 1.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley 1, Middlesbrough 4, Charlton 3, Tranmere 1; Crystal Palace 2, Notts Forest 0; Grimsby 1, Portsmouth 1. Correction: due to an agency error Charlton's third goal against Tranmere was wrongly attributed to Minto; it was scored by Pitcher.
COCA-COLA CUP: First round, second leg: Barnet 1, Southend 1 (agg: 3-1); Blackpool 3, Doncaster 3 (agg: 4-3); Bristol City 0, Swansea 2 (agg: 1-2); Bury 0, Bolton 2 (aet, agg: 2-2, Bolton win 3-0 on pens); Cardiff 1, Bournemouth 1 (agg: 2-4); Carlisle 1, Chesterfield 1 (agg: 2-4); Chester 0, Sunderland 0 (agg: 1-3); Colchester 1, Fulham 2 (agg 3-4); Hartlepool 2, Stockport 1 (agg: 3-2); Hull 3, Notts County 1 (aet; agg 3-3, Notts County won on away goal); Lincoln 0, Port Vale 0 (aet; agg 2-2, Lincoln win on away goals); Luton 0, Cambridge Utd 1 (agg: 0-2); Mansfield 1, Stoke 3 (aet; Stoke win 5-3 on agg); Plymouth 2, Birmingham 0 (agg: 2-3); Rotherham 4, Wigan 2 (agg: 5-2); Scarborough 0, Huddersfield 3 (agg: 0-3); Scunthorpe 1, Shrewsbury 1 (agg: 1-2); Torquay 0, Hereford 2 (aet; agg 2-2, Hereford won 4-3 on pens); Watford 3, Brentford 1 (agg: 5-3); Wrexham 3, Crewe 3 (agg, 4-3); Wycombe 1, Leyton O 0 (agg: 3-0); York 0, Rochdale 0 (agg: 0-2).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Aberdeen 5, Motherwell 2 (aet: 2-2); Dunfermline 0, Rangers 2; Hibernian 2, Dundee 1; Morton 0, Partick 1; St Mirren 0, Dundee Utd 1.
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 0, Stalybridge 0; Macclesfield 4, Bromsgrove 3; Merthyr 1, Bath 1; Runcorn 3, Telford 2; Slough 1, Dover 0; Southport 2, Halifax 2; Stafford 3, Northwich 1, Witton 1, Gateshead 0; Woking 0, Welling 2; Yeovil 2, Dagenham and Redbridge 1
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Farnborough 1, Crawley 2, Gloucester 4, Burton 2; Gresley Rovers 2, Cambridge City 1, Halesowen 1, Cheltenham 1; Hasanga 1, Bashley 0; Moor Green 0, Worcester 2; Nuneaton 0, Solihull 3; Trowbridge 1, Dorchester 0; Waterlooville 2, Sittingbourne 2. Midland division: Armitage 1, Alston 0; Bedworth Utd 1, King's Lynn 1; Forest Green 0, Bridgnorth 0; Grantham 1, Sutton Coldfield 0; RC Warwick 0, Stourbridge 2; Tamworth 1, Rushden and Diamonds 1, Weston-super-Mare 3, Newport AFC 3. Southern division: Ashford 3, Buckingham 0; Bury Town 2, Fisher 83 3, Gravesend and Northfleet 1, Baldock 2; Newport IoW 1, Erith and Belvedere 0; Sudbury 3, Margate 0
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow 0, Horwich 2; Buxton 1, Winsford 0; Chorley 5, Fleetwood 2; Colwyn Bay 0, Marine 0; Droylsden 2, Knowsley Utd 1, Matlock 3, Leek 3. First division: Goole 2, Spennymoor 1; Harrogate 1, Farsley Celtic 1; Mossley 0, Bamber Bridge 2; Radcliffe Borough 1, Curzon Ashton 1, Workington 1, Netherfield 1
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 1, Sutton Utd 4; Enfield 6, Dorking 0; Hayes 1, Harrow Borough 1; Hendon 6, Basingstoke 0, Kingstonian 0, Carshalton 2; Marlow 4, St Albans 2; Wokingham 2, Hitchin 0. First division: Berkhamsted 1, Purfleet 5, Bishop's Stortford 4, Barking 0; Boreham Wood 2, Maidenhead 0; Leyton 0, Billericay 2; Staines 2, Windsor and Eton 0; Tooting and Mitcham 3, Abingdon Town 0, Wembley 2, Uxbridge 0; Whyteleafe 3, Heybridge Swifts 2. Second division: Barton 1, Banstead 0, Chertsey 3, Malden Vale 0; Egham 0, Hungerford 5; Metropolitan Police 0, Hemel Hempstead 0; Newbury 0, Aldershot Town 3; Saffron Walden 1, Collier Row 1; Tilbury 1, Lewes 2; Ware 2, Edgware 1 Third division: Camberley 3, Hornchurch 0; Cove 0, Harefield 0; Epsom and Ewell 0, Feltham and Hounslow 2; Flackwell Heath 1, Bracknell 0; Hertford 2, Kingsbury 3; Horsham 3, Northwood 1; Leighton 2, Clapton 1; Southall 0, Chesham 1.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Exmouth 1, Elmore 2; Paulton 3, Bridgt Manor Farm 2; Westbury 1, Mangotsfield 1
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard 0, Walton 2; Horwich and Parkeson 3, Halstead 4, Lowestoft 1, Great Yarmouth 1, Norwich Utd 0, Fakenham 1; Tiptree 1, Sudbury 1; Wisbech 0, Newmarket 0.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Maltby MW 4, Eccleshill 0; Ossett Albion 0, Brigg 0; Thackley 1, Armthorpe Welfare 1.
GERMAN CUP: Freiburg 4, Fortuna Cologne 1; Cologne 4, Mannheim 1; Hertha Berlin 3, Hamburg 5; Borussia Dortmund 0, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Bayer Uerdingen 1, Leipzig 0; Plattling 0, Borussia Moenchengladbach 3; Rickingen 0, Duisburg 1.
ULSTER CUP: Sectional matches: Linfield 1, Larne 1; Bangor 1, Coleraine 0; Portadown 3, Glenavon 0.
BELGIAN LEAGUE: Sersing 1, Anderlecht 2.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta 6, San Francisco 4; Houston 4, Florida 0; Chicago 6, Montreal 5; Philadelphia 4, Colorado 2; New York 5, Cincinnati 4; San Diego 17, St Louis 4; Los Angeles 13, Pittsburgh 4.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	78	47	.627	—
St Louis	69	57	.548	10
Montreal	67	60	.528	12½
Chicago	62	64	.492	17
Pittsburgh	59	67	.468	20
Florida	52	73	.416	26½
New York	43	82	.344	35½
West division				
San Francisco	83	43	.659	—
Atlanta	78	49	.614	5½
Houston	67	58	.536	15½
Los Angeles	65	60	.520	17½
Cincinnati	62	66	.484	22
Colorado	48	78	.381	35
San Diego	48	78	.381	35

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 9, Oakland 2 and 7-8, Detroit 4, Seattle 1, Baltimore 1, California 0; Toronto 8, Cleveland 6; Chicago 4, New York 2; Kansas City 5, Minnesota 3; Texas 4, Boston 3.

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	73	54	.575	—
New York	72	55	.567	1
Baltimore	67	59	.532	5½
Boston	66	59	.524	6½
Detroit	67	61	.523	6½
Cleveland	60	66	.476	12½
Milwaukee	52	74	.413	20½
West division				
Chicago	69	55	.556	—
Kansas City	66	60	.524	4
Texas	65	60	.520	4½
Seattle	61	63	.492	8
California	56	68	.452	13
Minnesota	53	70	.431	15½
Oakland	51	73	.411	18

BOWLS

SKEGNESS: English Bowling Federation national championships: Men: Two-bowl singles: First round: J Davison bt A Cordukes, 21-17, B Ryles bt P Edyvean, 21-9; T Robson bt D Dawson, 21-11, J Stephenson bt N Brown, 21-13; B Miller bt F Richardson, 21-15. Men: Under-25 singles: Quarter-finals: A Seymour bt K Burin, 21-14

CRICKET

SUN LIFE OF CANADA UNDER-15 COMPETITION: Final: Wanstead 135-2, St Anne's 90-9

CYCLING

PLOUAY, France: Grand Prix Ouest-France (209km): 1, T Claveyrolat (Fr), 5hr 9min 25sec; 2, J-F Bernard (Fr), 01sec behind; 3, T Laurent (Fr), 14. 4, L Jalabert (Fr), 16.

GOLF

BURHILL FAMILY FOURSOMES: Second round: Mrs D Bailey and K Frearson bt Mrg B Cox and S Cox, 3 and 2; J V Wilson and Miss J C Wilson bt Mrs G Thomas and S D Thomas, at 20th; F W R Stocks and Miss J Stocks bt Mrs L Sechlan and D Sechlan, 6 and 5; Mrs A Raitt and A Raitt bt Mrs J McFarland and P McFarland, 7 and 6; Mrs J J Ross and S J D Ross bt Mrs B Wilenkin and M Wilenkin at 19th; Mrs P Banks and M Banks bt A S Lloyd and Miss P Lloyd at 22nd; Mrs B Bell and W Bell bt Mrs G Barratt and R Barratt 2 up; Mrs S Greenleaf and A Greenleaf bt Mrs P J Gean and P R Gean, 6 and 5; Mrs M Hiscocks and S Hiscocks bt Mrs A Emmett and M A Emmett, 5 and 3; Mrs J Walker and E Walker bt Mrs S Tilling and O Gadney, 6 and 5

Mrs M Donald and A Donald bt Mrs S Ferguson-Jones and M Ferguson-Jones, at 19th; Mrs G Warner and R Warner bt C Constable and Mrs M DiMichele, 3 and 1.

Mrs V Hargreaves and R Hargreaves bt P Burton and Miss K Burton; Mrs S K Hubbard and T Hubbard bt C Tilling and Miss A Tilling, 1 up; P B Allen and Miss A W Allen bt J Aitken and Mrs A Sims, 3 and 1; Mrs W Laud and A Laud bt Mrs R Boyd and A Boyd, 2 and 1; M Cochrane and Mrs L Patten bt J Kendall and Miss V Kendall, 2 and 1; P A Sherwood and Mrs S A Tucker bt C R Edwards and Mrs E Gilbert, 3 and 2. Mrs D Dixon and H Dixon bt P Jeffrey and Mrs F Rose, at 20th; Mrs P Burtles and A Burtles bt P Croft and Miss S Croft, 2 and 1, Mrs P M Bucknall and G R C Bucknall bt Mrs M Riley and A J Riley, 3 and 1

Mrs J Morgan and S Morgan bt Mrs L Mellett and A Mellett, 3 and 2; Mrs D Campbell and A Campbell bt Mrs S Stradling and C R Stradling, 4 and 3; Mrs J Lawson and P Lawson bt Mrs M Crauford and R Crauford, 8 and 7; K M Bartlett and J R Bartlett bt M J Toole and Miss S J Toole, 2 up; Mrs C Monk and J Monk bt F Bennett and Miss L Bennett, 1 up; Mrs G Attoe and I Attoe bt Mrs S M Mose and T P Mote, 3 and 2; Mrs A Human and C Human bt D Morgan and Miss C Morgan, 4 and 3; P Sales and Miss S Sales bt Mrs J Turner and T Johns, at 20th; Mrs B Ritchie and S D Ritchie bt Mrs B Gundry and R Gundry, 7 and 5.

HOCKEY

POZNAN, Poland: Men: Inter-Continental Cup: Group A: Canada 2, Cuba 0; South Korea 3, Spain 2; Malaysia 5, Ireland 2. Group B: India 3, France 0; South Africa 4, Belgium 2; Argentina 3, France 2; India 0, Belgium 0.
AMSTERDAM: Women's Champions Trophy: Great Britain 2, Spain 0, Australia 1, Germany 0.

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SQUASH

HONG KONG: Men's open tournament: First round: S Parke (Eng) bt F Poessl (Ger), 15-3, 15-5, 15-2; B Martin (Aus) bt J Williams (Aus), 15-7, 15-8, 13-15, 15-11; G El Amr (Egypt) bt A Shum (Hk), 15-10, 12-15, 10-15, 15-11, 15-5. Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak), 17-15, 15-10, 10-15, 12-15, 15-4; P Marshall (Eng) bt S Baker (Aus), 15-12, 15-4, 15-12; S Elopuro (Fin) bt P Steal (NZ), 15-13, 7-15, 15-12, 15-12; C Wapnick (SA) bt P Whitlock (Eng), 2-15, 13-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-5; A Hall (Aus) bt M Cairns (Eng), 14-15, 5-15, 15-12, 15-11, 15-3

TENNIS

COMMACK, New York: Men's tournament: First round: M Stich (Ger) bt F Santoro (Fr), 6-7, 7-6, 6-1; M Rosset (Switz) bt R Agenor (Hait), 6-4, 6-4, S Edberg (Swe) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-3, 6-0; C Pioline (Fr) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 7-5, 6-2; L Mattar (Br) bt J Seminnik (Holl), 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; A Boetsch (Fr) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; E Ran (Isr) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-1, 6-3; A Chesnokov (Rus) bt B Becker (Ger), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; M Chang (US) bt C Ruud (Nor), 5-7, 6-3, 7-5

SCHENECTADY, New York: Men: First round: I Lendl (US) bt G Raoux (Fr), 7-5, 6-3; R Fromberg (Aus) bt E Sanchez (Sp), 6-1, 6-3; K Carlsen (Den) bt B Black (Zim), 6-3, 6-4; N Kuth (Swe) bt G Stafford (SA), 6-2, 6-3; M Larsson (Swe) bt C Adams (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; K Novacek (Cz) bt J Morgan (Aus), 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; J Sánchez (Sp) bt M Wilander (Swe), 7-5, 6-2; C Costa (Sp) bt A Olhovsky (Russ), 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; B Karbacher (Ger) bt J Oncins (Br), 6-1, 7-6. J Bustle (Sp) bt B Shelton (US), 6-3, 6-2.
Women: First round: S Hack (Ger) bt R McQuillan (Aust), 6-4, 6-3; C Porwik (Ger) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-2, 6-3; G Helgeson (US) bt C Rubin (US), 6-2, 6-1; A Carlsson (Swe) bt V Martinek (Cz) 6-1, 2-6, 6-3; J Wiesner (Austria) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-2, 6-1; E Zardo (Switz) bt Y Kamio (Japan), 6-4, 6-1, L Neiland (Lat) bt R Dragomir (Rom), 6-3, 6-1

YACHTING

PWLLHELI, North Wales: Firefly national championships: Sir Ralph Gore Challenge Cup: 1, Mateloj (R Robinson and T Cooper, West Kirby SC); 2, Double Glazing (S and L McQueen, Itchenor); 3, Grasshopper (S Tylecote and E Gage, Sprinnaker). Marlow Trophy Race: 1, Icicatibur (M Dunbar and N Styles, Castaways); 2, Rocky Dinghy (N Metcalfe and P Reid, South Staffordshire); 3, Sneaky Too (M Hughes and N Johnson, West Kirby) (Rickmansworth)

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Working party fails to modernise outdated Grand National starting mechanism

Minor changes to address major problem

By Julian Muscat

AFTER four months of what it describes as a "very thorough, intense investigation," a racing industry working group has effectively endorsed the Grand National starting and recall procedure that collapsed so spectacularly in front of 300 million television viewers around the world.

The working group, chaired by Brigadier Andrew Parker-Bowles, a member of the Jockey Club and a former steward, could find no alternative to the catalogue of human error at Aintree on April 3. Its solution lies in minor modifications to the mechanism that reduced Britain's most popular sporting event to a laughing stock.

The most potent in what amounts to a tightening of existing procedures are the introduction of a second advance flag man and the resiting of the starter's rostrum to the centre of the course. The latter will have the affect of reducing the width of the starting line, allowing the starter greater control over events.

The National was declared void after an amazing chain of events. Animal rights protestors delayed the start, the field had to be recalled after a false start when the elastic tape failed to rise and at the second attempt, several jockeys completed the two full circuits of the course ignorant of attempts by officials to recall them again. Apart from the damage to the image of British racing, trainers and jockeys were denied a chance of glory and an estimated £60 million was lost in betting turnover.

The Jockey Club's official enquiry in June, chaired by Sir Michael Connell, criticised the starting gate, the starter, Keith Brown, for lining up the horses too close to the tape and the positioning of Ken Evans, the recall man, who failed to wave his flag after the second false start.

Parker-Bowles' report, which concerns every-day racing as well as the Grand National, outlines four areas directly relevant to the historic steeplechase. It makes recommendations on starting equipment, starting procedures, recall procedures and the stopping of a race. Details are of a largely technical nature and one recommendation on starting equipment notes that "new inspection and maintenance arrangements for both starting gates and flip starts should be introduced."

The archaic Grey gate starting tape, which caused the two false starts, is to be dropped. Instead, a flip start — where the elastic tape is released from one end — is preferred, although this mechanism is only allowed to be used in starts no more than 30 yards wide. The report calls for research enabling the flip start to be used at Aintree.

In addition, the 34-page report recommends some novel ideas be put to the test in a series of racecourse trials. These include placing candy-striped marker poles five yards back from the starting line; a notionary line between these markers could not be crossed until the starter calls riders forward.

This year's National could not be stopped after Ken Evans, the advance flag man, failed to alert jockeys to the second false start. To counter this eventuality, a new official — to be known as the stop man — will be deployed in a vehicle down the course. He, like the advance flag men, will be equipped with a dayglo yellow flag and radio communication with the starter.

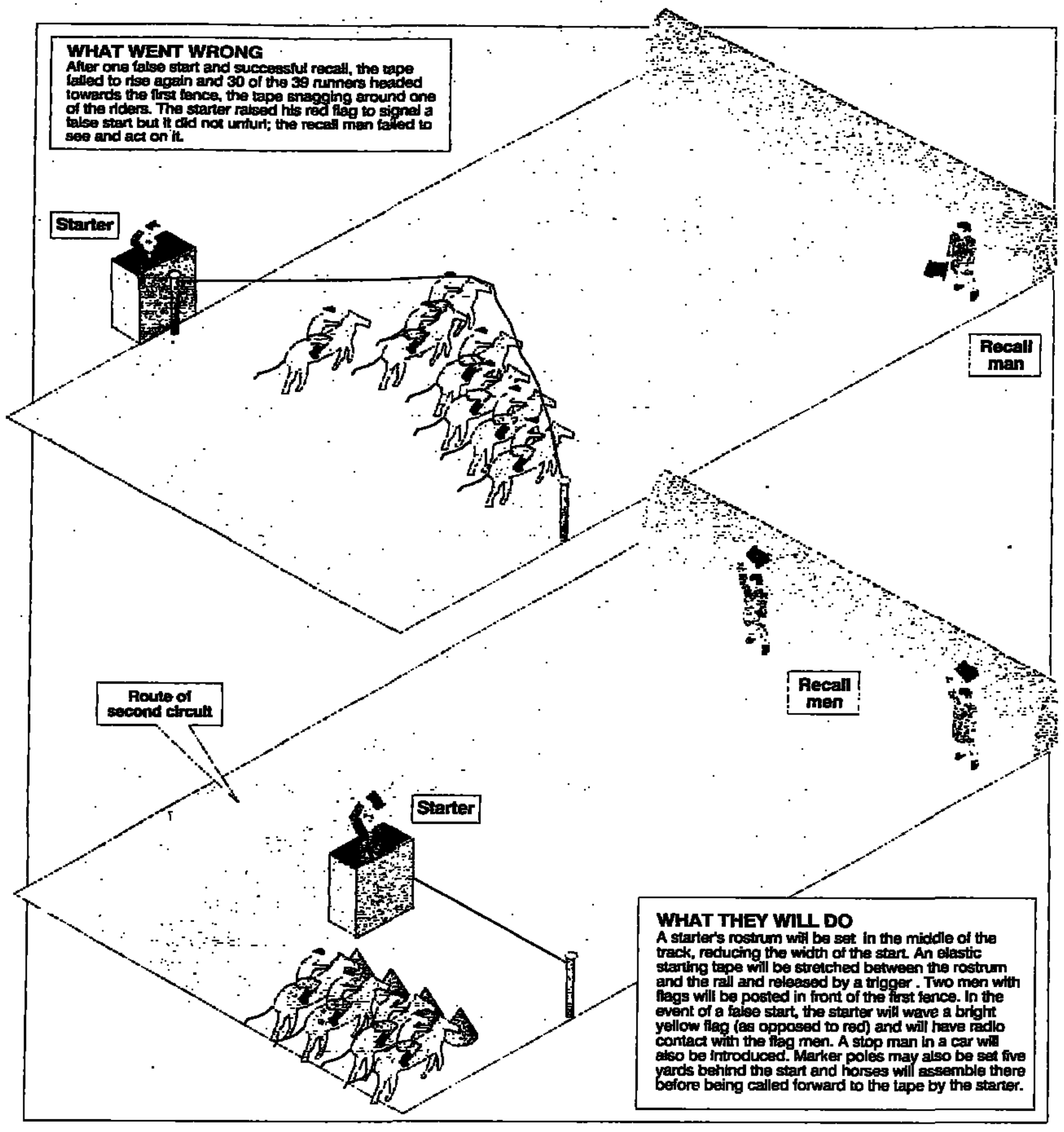
Of the stop man's role, John White, the Irish jockey who rode Esha Ness round two full circuits to finish first amid the chaos, said: "Apparently there was one man with a red flag by the Chair, at the end of the first circuit. I didn't see him. But if there were a string of officials lining the fence, we would have had no choice but to run round the side and pull up. The more officials there are, the more chance we have of spotting them."

What has taken observers aback is the failure of the working group — which included five jockeys with Grand National experience — to embrace modern technology at the expense of human input. Yesterday Parker-Bowles ruled out incorporating electronic devices such as horns or flashing lights to provide a safe starting and recall system.

"Those overseas Turf authorities which would have used them reported that they were not always successful and were open to sabotage and technical failure," Parker-Bowles said. "We have gone through this with a fine tooth comb and are more than happy with the recommendations. They will certainly ensure the situation at Aintree this year is unlikely to happen again."

Parker-Bowles conceded saboteurs could imitate the advance flag man by dressing in white coats and waving florescent flags, but said: "Only the jockeys and flag-waving officials will know the colour the flags will be on the day. We cannot cover every possible eventuality."

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Brown has faith in committee findings

By Julian Muscat

KEITH Brown, the starter of the ill-fated 1993 Grand National, gave his approval yesterday of the recommendations in the report. "They are absolutely marvellous," Brown, who has since retired, said. "A shortened gate and an isolated rostrum with a view of the first fence should be ideal."

But John White, the Irish jockey who rode Esha Ness to win the race that never was, disagreed, saying that two advance flag men would not solve the recall problem. "When you're riding in a race like that, you're only looking ahead, in between the horse's ears. You're looking down a tunnel: you don't see that much either side of you," White said. "Why not put four or five flag men across the whole course? We'd have more chance of seeing them."

Rod Fabricius, who was acting clerk of the course at Aintree for the National, said he was pleased that the report addressed the issue of the starting gate. But asked if he would be happy with two advance flag men to recall horses after a false start, Fabricius said: "I'm not the clerk at Aintree, but if I was, I would remain concerned there could still be an element of risk in that method of stopping a race."

Charles Barnett, the managing director of Aintree, said: "These recommendations will have a major impact in ensuring there is no repetition of the events at Aintree. We will be working closely with the Jockey Club's racecourse department to finalise which method will be used to start next year's Martell Grand National."

Hodges aims to go one better

HOW'S Yer Father, winner of the Silver Cup at Ayr last season, was yesterday installed 20-1 favourite with the sponsors for this year's Ladbroke Ayr Gold Cup on September 18.

Ron Hodges's gelding, third in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood, went on to win a competitive sprint at last week's Ebor meeting at York. But before he can justify his position at the head of the market, How's Yer Father must first make the line-up.

Last year he was balloted out and, with 8st 4lb, he needs 14 horses above him to drop out to guarantee a place in the field, which has a maximum of 29 runners.

Top weight of 9st 10lb is shared by Stewards' Cup winner King's Signet. Jack Berry's Fylde Flyer and the front-running Regal Chimes. A total of 132 horses have been entered.

After How's Yer Father, Ladbrokes bet: 25-1 Echo-Logical, Garnock Valley, 28-1 Amron, Castlerea Lad, Everglades, Pluck, 33-1 bar.

This season's St Leger has a less competitive look. At the second forfeit stage only 11 horses were left in the Coalite-sponsored classic, run at Doncaster on September 11.

With so few standing their ground it is possible that owners will take advantage of a supplementary entry stage, whereby horses may be added on Saturday week for £25,000.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: KABCAST
(4.40 Edinburgh)
NB: Holiday Island
(4.20 Lingfield Park)

Richard Evans landed a 13-1 double yesterday, with his nap, Kelimutu (5-1), and Major Success (11-8). Thunderer had five Redcar winners, including Amazing Feat (6-1 nap), Carrolls Marc (13-2), Mondragon (9-1) and Trust Deed (12-1) at Exeter

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THUNDERER
2.20 As Sharp As
2.50 SAWLAJAN (nap)
3.20 Sir Thomas Beecham
3.50 Night Melody
4.20 Bobbysoxer
4.50 Ferryman
5.20 Truthful Image

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.50 Orange Place. 4.20 Summer Pageant.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 ARTISTIC REEF.

GOING: GOOD (TURF); STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER) SIS
DRAW: 5F - 7F 140YD (TURF), HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 BRITVIC SOFT DRINKS CLAIMING STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,623: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (6) 46 ROCKETEER 7 (Mrs J Muir) W Muir 9-7 Kim McDonnell (7) 76
2 (2) 8 CHARLIE CHARLIE 19 (A Russell) R Ingram 9-0 A McGlone —
3 (8) 404060 KNIGHTRIDER 17 (P de Weck) C James 8-10 J Williams 89
4 (7) 03 CURTIS THE FIRST 44 (J Daniels) M Dixon 8-9 A Clark 89
5 (3) 250244 MONKEY'S WEDDING 8 (B) (The Monkey Racing Club Ltd) J Berry 8-9 T Quinn [illegible]
6 (1) 005 ANSELLADY 15 (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 8-6 J Reid 82
7 (4) 46601 SISTER SUSAN 22 (D,G) (T Johnsey) R Hannon 8-6 W Ryan 92
8 (5) 4 AS SHARP AS 19 (D Pickering) B Hills 8-4 D Holland 87
9 (9) 6 NATURAL PATH 64 (K Styles) M McCormack 8-4 A Munro 84

BETTING: 5-2 Sister Susan, 11-4 As Sharp As, 7-2 Rocketeer, 7-1 Monkey's Wedding, 8-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ROCKETEER about 4½l 6th of 15 to Carasia Dancer in claimer at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). CURTIS THE FIRST 2l 3rd of 7 to Flak Lady in seller at Folkestone (6f, good to firm). MONKEY'S WEDDING about 1¾l 4th of 23 to Circle Of Friends in seller at York (6f, good). SISTER SUSAN beat Pacroli 4l in 10-runner seller at Nottingham (6f, good). AS SHARP AS 14l 4th of 7 to Mikhtiwai in maiden at Haydock (6f, good to soft).
Selection: MONKEY'S WEDDING

2.50 MURPHYS IRISH STOUT CONDITIONS STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,377: 7f 140yd) (7 runners)

1 (7) 0112 ORANGE PLACE 41 (CD,G,S) (Archer Van & Truck Hire Ltd) M Bell 9-0 M Hills 89
2 (1) 351432 PETER ROWLEY 8 (G) (Mrs P Jubert) R Hannon 8-12 J Reid 95
3 (4) 53 SAWLAJAN 27 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-10 W Carson 97
4 (3) 05 YOUNG AT HEART 31 (D Chapman) M Haynes 8-10 R Cochrane 89
5 (5) 405 IZZA 19 (F Kalla) C Britain 8-5 Pat Eddery [illegible]
6 (6) 1 KATHANNA 29 (G) (T Stuart, D Egan, J Murphy) B Palling 8-5 D Holland 73
7 (2) 0000 SWEET CAROLINE 68 (Mrs C Gusgrand) Pat Mitchell 8-5 J Quinn 64

BETTING: 7-4 Izza, 3-1 Sawlajan, 7-2 Peter Rowley, 9-2 Orange Place, 10-1 Kathanna, 14-1 others.

1992: FOOLISH HEART 8-13 M Roberts (11-8 fav) N Graham 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ORANGE PLACE beat Balandra Bay 2l in 5-runner conditions race here (7f, good) on penultimate start. PETER ROWLEY neck 2nd of 3 to Alaflak in conditions race at Kempton (7f, good to firm). SAWLAJAN 1½l 3rd of 12 to Escarpment in maiden at Goodwood (7f, good to soft). IZZA 1½l 5th of 10 to Fairy Heights in listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). KATHANNA beat Primost 1½l in 13-runner seller at Leicester (6f, good).
Selection: IZZA

3.20 BULMERS CIDER HANDICAP
(All-weather: 3-Y-O: £2,821: 2m) (7 runners)

1 (6) 03601 USK THE WAY 12 (CD,G) (Cliveden Stud) H Cecil 9-7 W Ryan 91
2 (1) 051210 SIR THOMAS BEECHAM 5 (E,C,G) (Mrs H Chalke) S Dow 8-12 T Quinn 91
3 (7) 00314 CRIMINAL RECORD 19 (V,BF,G) (M Oberstein) Lord Huntingdon 8-11 J Reid 94
4 (3) 531243 BILJAN 16 (CD,F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-9 A Munro [illegible]
5 (2) 442312 EARLY TO RISE 12 (C,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-3 J D Smith (7) 93
6 (4) 051533 JULIASDARKINVADER 12 (C,G) (M Culling) A Moore 8-2 L Carter (7) 91
7 (5) 30-0000 MOUJEEB 23 (V) (A Penney) Pat Mitchell 7-8 J Quinn 82

BETTING: 9-4 Usk The Way, 11-4 Biljan, 7-2 Sir Thomas Beecham, 6-1 Criminal Record, 8-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

USK THE WAY beat Fools Errand 2½l in 6-runner maiden on the turf here (2m, good). SIR THOMAS BEECHAM beat First Bid 2l in 12-runner amateur riders' handicap at Catterick (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. CRIMINAL RECORD beat Northern Judy head in 8-runner maiden at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start. BILJAN head and 4l 3rd of 6 to Galejade in claimer at Bath (1m 3f 144yd, good to firm). EARLY TO RISE beat Boxboy 3½l in 6-runner selling handicap here (AW, 1m 4f) on penultimate start.
Selection: USK THE WAY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
B Hills	32	103	31.1	W Carson	24	112	21.4
H Cecil	14	45	31.1	J Reid	33	175	18.9
W Jarvis	9	39	23.1	Pat Eddery	17	90	18.9
M Prescott	26	116	22.4	K Rutter	9	49	18.4
J Berry	21	94	22.3	T Quinn	84	470	17.9
Lord Huntingdon	20	97	20.6	M Hills	40	236	16.9

3.50 WHITBREAD CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,308: 5f) (9 runners)

1 (6) 101655 BOLD LEZ 54 (C,D,F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 6-9-9 R Cochrane 91
2 (1) 100400 ELLE SHAPED 8 (D,F,G) (J Marsden) S Norton 3-9-5 Stephen Davies (5) 88
3 (3) 11-2132 PALACEGATE EPISODE 47 (D,G,S) J Berry 3-9-4 Pat Eddery 97
4 (4) 500110 LOVE RETURNED 12 (CD,F,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 6-9-1 M Tebbutt 90
5 (7) 123263 NIGHT MELODY 8 (D,F,G,S) (P Savill) R Hannon 3-9-1 M Hills 92
6 (9) 344600 ARTISTIC REEF 28 (D,G,S) (R Mohammed) G Eden 4-9-0 W Carson [illegible]
7 (2) 546134 BELLSABANGING 15 (V,D,F) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 3-8-11 S Whitworth 80
8 (5) 000510 FOOD OF LOVE 12 (D,BF,F,G) (J Abell) J Wharton 5-8-9 J Williams 89
9 (8) 605000 SHADES OF JADE 8 (CD,F) (W Wood) J Bridger 5-8-9 G Bardwell —

BETTING: 11-4 Palacegate Episode, 3-1 Artistic Reef, 5-1 Night Melody, 11-2 Bold Lez, 7-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

BOLD LEZ 9½l 5th of 7 to Lochsong in listed race at Sandown (5f, good to firm). PALACEGATE EPISODE 2l 2nd of 8 to Stack Rock in conditions race at Chester (5f, soft), with ELLE SHAPED 20l 7th. LOVE RETURNED beat Penny Hasset 3l in 7-runner handicap at Redcar (5f, good to soft) on penultimate start. NIGHT MELODY 2¾l 3rd of 6 to Storm Canyon in conditions race at Yarmouth (6f, good). FOOD OF LOVE beat Singing Star 2½l in 9-runner handicap at Nottingham (5f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: PALACEGATE EPISODE (nap)

4.20 BODDINGTONS BITTER HANDICAP
(£3,494: 1m 3f 106yd) (10 runners)

1 (4) 241006- SURE HAVEN 272 (G) (N Greig) M Prescott 4-10-0 C Nutter 80
2 (7) 022111 BOBBYSOXER 15 (F,G) (P Goulandris) J Dunlop 3-9-8 Pat Eddery [illegible]
3 (3) 051621 SUMMER PAGEANT 27 (F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 3-9-7 W Ryan 96
4 (5) 66406-0 HOLIDAY ISLAND 15 (CD,F,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 4-9-5 T Quinn 83
5 (10) 50-0260 DOM WAC 89 (C,D,F,G) (Vintage Racing) M Bell 5-9-5 J Reid 93
6 (2) 603302 HAROLDON 29 (G) (Lamb Brook Associates) B Palling 4-9-4 D Holland 97
7 (8) 000553 MISS MICHELLE 10 (T Bowser) S Mellor 3-7-7 A Tucker 87
8 (9) 040-000 BARBARY REEF 64 (F) (R Parsons) G Eden 5-7-7 G Bardwell 89
9 (6) 5/0004/ SPRING TO GLORY 525J (G) (A Byrne) P Hayward 6-7-7 A Whelan (7) —
10 (1) 0/4060-0 FAIRGROUNDPRINCESS 6 (F) (T Mitchell) M Channon 5-7-7 N Adams 70

Long handicap: Miss Michelle 7-3, Barbary Reef 7-1, Spring To Glory 6-12, Fairgroundprincess 6-5.

BETTING: 5-4 Bobbysoxer, 2-1 Summer Pageant, 8-1 Holiday Island, Dom Wac, 10-1 Haroldon, 14-1 others.

1992: CANNY CHRONICLE 4-10-0 P Robinson (14-1) M Tompkins 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

BOBBYSOXER beat Northern Bound ¾l in handicap at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm). SUMMER PAGEANT beat Nawahil ¾l in handicap at Newmarket (1m 4f, good). DOM WAC best recent effort when ½l 2nd to Broughton's Tango in handicap at Ascot (1m 4f, good). HAROLDON 12l 2nd to Hasta La Vista in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m 4f). MISS MICHELLE short-head and 3l 3rd to Patong Beach in seller at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: BOBBYSOXER

4.50 BRITVIC SOFT DRINKS CLAIMING STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,623: 6f) (9 runners)

1 (6) RISK OF FIRE (Roldvale Ltd) G Lewis 9-7 Paul Eddery —
2 (4) 5 INZAR 47 (F Kalla) P Chapple-Hyam 9-2 J Reid 80
3 (9) REMINISCENCE (J Davis) R Hannon 9-2 Mark Denaro (7) —
4 (7) 0 FERRYMAN 15 (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-13 Pat Eddery —
5 (3) 0606 TOTON LAD 15 (S Curran Ltd) K Ivory 8-11 W Newnes 89
6 (1) 362120 UP THE MARINERS 14 (D,G) (The Mariners Partnership) J Mooney 8-5 K Rutter (5) [illegible]
7 (2) 0006 MACE EL REEM 21 (T Mello) P Howling 8-4 W Ryan 82
8 (5) 06 SPORTING STORY 9 (Sporting Partners) M Usher 8-4 N Adams 86
9 (8) 60500 LEGAL CONQUEST 33 (R Berenson) C C Elsey 7-13 J Quinn 89

BETTING: 2-1 Inzar, 3-1 Reminiscence, 9-2 Ferryman, 5-1 Risk Of Fire, 10-1 Up The Mariners, 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

RISK OF FIRE (foaled Apr 20, cost 3000gns), Half-brother by Risk Me to Grey Wolf Tiger, 5f/6f juvenile winner. INZAR about 10¼l 6th of 11 to Harvest Mouse in maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm). REMINISCENCE (Mar 2). Third foal, dam useful juvenile, winner of three races over 5f and placed in listed company. UP THE MARINERS 1l 2nd of 6 to Little Hooligan in claimer at Southwell (6f, good) on penultimate start. SPORTING STORY about 2l 6th of 12 to Forever Blushing in seller at Folkestone (7f, good to firm).
Selection: UP THE MARINERS

5.20 TAUNTON CIDER HANDICAP (All-weather: £3,406: 7f) (10 runners)

1 (10) 602400 INVOCATION 13 (CD,G) (R Kiernan) A Moore 6-9-12 N Adams 91
2 (9) 022115 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 21 (B,C,BF,F,G) (P Axon) M Ryan 4-9-5 D Biggs [illegible]
3 (4) 325043 MARINE DIVER 6 (F,G) (Merthyr Tydfil Cars) B Millman 7-9-4 S Whitworth 94
4 (1) 312040 SURE LORD 7 (B,F) (The Sussex Stud Ltd) W Muir 4-9-2 A Munro 90
5 (3) 340502 HADEER'S DANCE 12 (D,F) (K Dasmal) R Armstrong 3-8-13 R Price 95
6 (2) 600256 STARDUST EXPRESS 13 (CD,G) (Mrs R Johnson) M Johnston 3-8-11 J Reid 90
7 (8) 126656 PERSIAN GUSHER 25 (E,CD,G) (Gravy Boys Racing) S Dow 3-8-10 T Quinn 83
8 (5) 035152 DAILY SPORT DON 12 (D,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) R Hannon 3-8-6 A McGlone 94
9 (6) 40460 SLEEPTITE 90 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-7-10 J Quinn 85
10 (7) 000632 BRAVE HERO 13 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-7-7 G Bardwell 92

Long handicap: Brave Hero 7-2.

BETTING: 7-2 Marine Diver, 9-2 Daily Sport Don, 5-1 Hadeer's Dance, 6-1 Sure Lord, 8-1 others.

1992: MISS MOVIE WORLD 3-8-5 A Munro (11-4) N Bycroft 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

TRUTHFUL IMAGE beat Star Goddess 2½l in 4-runner handicap here (AW, 6f), with INVOCATION (6lb better off) 3l 4th. MARINE DIVER 2l 3rd of 9 to Corals Dream in a handicap at Chester (7f, good to soft). HADEER'S DANCE 5l 2nd of 6 to Golden Chip in handicap at Southwell (AW, 1m). STARDUST EXPRESS best recent effort when 3½l 2nd of 5 to Sweet Romeo in handicap at Southwell (AW, 6f). PERSIAN GUSHER about 4¾l 8th of 13 to Lucayan Treasure in seller over course and distance (AW). DAILY SPORT DON neck 2nd of 9 to Mulciber in apprentice jockeys' handicap here (7f 140yd, good).
Selection: TRUTHFUL IMAGE

EDINBURGH

THUNDERER
2.10 Distinctive Air. 2.40 Northern Chief. 3.10 Batabanoo. 3.40 Allegsnobrain. 4.10 Rasayel. 4.40 Kabcast.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
2.40 NICHODOULA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.10 ROYAL SCOTS CLUB NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £2,815: 7f 15yd) (12 runners)

1 2332 MISS MAH-JONG 16 (C,S) M Johnston 9-7 G Duffield 8
2 3360 KARSEAM 15 J Wainwright 9-1 N Connorton 12
3 4030 DISTINCTIVE AIR 26 (S) E Weymes 9-0 L Dettori 7
4 3465 HELLABY 14 S Norton 8-7 T Williams 10
5 1262 PASSION SUNDAY 16 (CD,BF,F) M H Easterby 8-6 M Birch 11
6 3260 THE HAPPY LOON 17 Denys Smith 8-4 K Fallon 5
7 0504 OLYMPIC BID 37 J Berry 8-2 J Carroll 4
8 684 HONEST WOMAN 28 J Spearing 7-13 D McCabe (5) 3
9 030 MONSIEUR BLEU 16 Miss L Perratt 7-13 J Fanning 9
10 6235 MISS FREEBIE 16 R Whitaker 7-7 Dale Gibson 1
11 405 STORM HEIGHTS 33 M Brittain 7-7 J Lowe 2
12 3005 CAPITAL LADY 17 B Rothwell 7-7 S Wood 6

3-1 The Happy Loon, 4-1 Miss Mah-Jong, 9-2 Olympic Bid, 5-1 Passion Sunday, 13-2 Distinctive Air, 10-1 Hellaby, 12-1 others.

2.40 EDMONDS HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,944: 7f 15yd) (16)

1 0610 STYLISH ROSE 17 (S) P Cheesbrough 9-7 J Lowe 3
2 2350 BIRCHWOOD SUN 17 (B,F,G,S) M Dods 9-6 J Weaver 4
3 4250 MY GODSON 22 (F,S) B Beasley 9-5 L Dettori 7
4 2321 NICHODOULA 16 (D,F) M Prescott 9-4 G Duffield 13
5 5340 DAYTONA BEACH 13 (G) R Hollinshead 9-4 S Perks 10
6 5022 PENNY BANGER 12 (D,BF,G) M Johnston 9-1 T Williams 15
7 0156 CICERONE 17 (D,G) P Calver 9-1 Dale Gibson 1
8 0054 NORTHERN CHIEF 12 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 9-0 S Maloney (3) 9
9 4343 KILLY'S FILLY 10 (G) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 8
10 5521 LAMSONETTI 7 (D,G) R Whitaker 8-11 (5ex) Alex Greaves 11
11 5046 KEEP BATTLING 27 (V) A Harrison 8-9 S Webster 2
12 3103 NORLING 8 (F,G) N Tinkler 8-8 S Morris 14
13 6-00 GRINNELL 34 (F) Miss L Perratt 8-7 J Fanning 5
14 0-00 SPORTING SPIRIT 13 (C,S) D Chapman 8-3 S Wood 12
15 4550 CARLTON EXPRESS 61 Denys Smith 8-2 N Connorton 16
16 0300 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 13 (D,G,S) A Stringer 7-12 N Kennedy (3) 6

11-4 Nichodoula, 7-2 Lamsonetti, 5-1 Penny Banger, 6-1 Killy's Filly, Northern Chief, 10-1 Cicerone, Daytona Beach, 12-1 others.

3.10 ROYAL SCOTS HANDICAP
(£2,927: 1m 4f 31yd) (7)

1 3114 BATABANOO 5 (D,BF,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-0 S Maloney (3) 5
2 4212 FAIR FLYER 14 (C,D,F,G) M Johnston 4-9-5 R P Elliott 2
3 4215 PIE HATCH 12 (B,D,BF,F,G) M Prescott 4-8-2 G Duffield 1
4 0000 BORING 16 (CD,F) W Storey 4-8-1 J Fanning 3
5 3404 IRON BARON 10 (D,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 4-7-12 D Wright (5) 6
6 6353 HOT PUNCH 10 P Calver 4-7-9 Dale Gibson 4
7 /005 ASTURIAS 10 (S) A Stringer 10-7-7 N Kennedy (3) 7

7-4 Fair Flyer, 9-4 Batabanoo, 3-1 Pie Hatch, 6-1 Hot Punch, 10-1 others

3.40 SALAMANCA SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,368: 5f) (17)

1 3040 ALLEGSNOBRAIN 8 (F) P Evans 9-2 L Detton 10
2 5060 ARKINDALE SPIRIT 13 (V) M W Easterby 8-11 C Munday (7) 15
3 5641 FLOATING TRIAL 13 (V,D,G) J Berry 8-11 J Carroll 4
4 2000 GRECIAN GARDEN 12 (F) A Hamby 8-11 J O'Reilly 11
5 000 HONG KONG FUTURE 26 (B) B Beasley 8-11 J Fortune 14
6 1500 INDIAN CRYSTAL 15 (D,F) M Johnston 8-11 T Williams 6
7 006 LOCHON 8 W Barker 8-11 S Webster 9
8 3410 MAD ABOUT MEN 15 (CD,F) J Berry 8-11 N Connorton 8
9 8400 PEASAN 10 P Monteith 8-11 S Maloney (3) 17
10 5560 SALTPETRE 59 M Brittain 8-11 A Mackay 2
11 UPEX LE GOLD Mrs A Swinbank 8-11 J Fanning 1
12 000 CELTIC GOVERNESS 8 J Balding 8-6 Claire Balding (7) 3
13 6336 KAYDARAJ 19 R Fahey 8-6 M Birch 7
14 0000 MAZINA 16 R Whitaker 8-6 A Culhane 16
15 2300 RED GRIT 27 (B) M Dods 8-6 J Weaver 13
16 0 REGINA ALICIA 17 M Johnston 8-6 G Duffield 5
17 00 SUZY LLOYD 13 D Chapman 8-6 S Wood 12

5-2 Floating Trial, 7-2 Allegsnobrain, 5-1 Indian Crystal, 13-2 Red Grit, 8-1 Kaydaraj, Mad About Men, 10-1 Grecian Garden, 12-1 others.

4.10 GAYMERS OLDE ENGLISH CYDER CLAIMING STAKES (£2,595: 1m 7f 16yd) (7)

1 02/2 BEEKMAN STREET 7 (F) Mrs M Reveley 7-9-12 J Fanning 4
2 6422 ANNABEL'S BABY 13 (BF) D Wintle 4-9-5 N Varley (7) 7
3 5004 EVERSO IRISH 19J P Evans 4-9-4 L Dettori 2
4 5350 ALPHA HELIX 27 (V,CD,F,G,S) Miss L Perratt 10-9-0 G Duffield 1
5 0000 ASTRAC TRIO 27J (G) P Monteith 3-8-11 A Mackay 3
6 5133 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 22 (F) S Norton 3-8-8 S Maloney (3) 5
7 5613 RASAYEL 20 (G) B Hanbury 3-8-0 D Harrison (3) 6

4-5 Rasayel, 11-4 Follingworth Girl, 11-2 Beekman Street, 8-1 Annabel's Baby, 12-1 Alpha Helix, 14-1 others.

4.40 PERGODA APPRENTICE HANDICAP
(£2,316: 5f) (14)

1 4300 EWALD 5 (D,F,G) M Johnston 5-10-0 A Garth 13
2 -400 NIFTY FIFTY 20 (CD,F,S) J Berry 4-9-10 P Roberts (5) 10
3 0512 JUCEA 6 (D,F) J Spearing 4-9-7 (7ex) R Painter (5) 3
4 2514 TREVORSNINEPOINTS 16 (D,BF,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-9-1 S Copp (5) 1
5 0360 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 5 (B,D,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-1 J Dennis (5) 7
6 0063 GEMINI FIRE 16 (CD,F,G,S) M Naughton 9-8-13 J Weaver 5
7 2140 KABCAST 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-11 D Harrison 14
8 6622 RED ADMIRAL 9 (BF) P Haslam 3-8-10 C Hodgson 6
9 6655 LANGTONIAN 37 (B,G) J Berry 4-8-7 Ruth Coulter (5) 2
10 000- GLENCROFT 317 (B,CD,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-8-6 O Pears 4
11 4000 BARBEZIEUX 24 (D,F,G,S) M Dods 6-8-4 D McCabe (3) 9
12 1215 MISS SIHAM 24 (CD,F,G,S) J Balding 4-8-3 Claire Balding (3) 11
13 4000 ROBIX 17 D Chapman 3-7-10 D Wright 8
14 000- MINIZEN MUSIC 343 (D,F) M Brittain 5-7-7 J Marshall (3) 12

7-2 Jucea, 4-1 Miss Siham, 11-2 Gemini Fire, 7-1 Nifty Fifty, Trevorsninepoints, 8-1 Ewald, 10-1 Barbezieux, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hanbury, 5 winners from 16 runners, 31.3%; M Prescott, 14 from 56, 25.0%; J Berry, 37 from 162, 22.8%; P Haslam, 5 from 23, 21.7%; N Tinkler, 5 from 26, 19.2%; M H Easterby, 8 from 44, 18.2%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 11 winners from 35 rides, 31.4%; J Marshall, 4 from 17, 23.5%; J Carroll, 33 from 141, 23.4%; G Duffield, 29 from 148, 19.6%; C Hodgson, 4 from 24, 16.7%; R P Elliott, 6 from 38, 15.8%.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER
2.00 Ullswater. 2.30 Mister Feathers. 3.00 Weekday Cross. 3.30 Chew It Over. 4.00 Hugli. 4.30 Chucklestone.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.00 HARTLEBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,748: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

1 040- CHAMOIS BOY 133 (BF,G,S) R O'Sullivan 9-11-12 D O'Sullivan (3)
2 560- THE HIDDEN CITY 138 (D,G) C Trietline 7-11-5 S Earle
3 P-12 ROWHEDGE 14 (CD,BF,F,G) Miss J Doyle 7-11-4 S Curran (7)
4 40-4 COLWAY PRINCE 19 (C,G,S) A Jones 5-11-2 G Upton
5 65-3 ULLSWATER 26 (CD,F,S) A Reed 7-11-1 A Maguire
6 F-05 PERSIAN VALLEY 8 (F) F Jordan 8-11-1 M Doyle (7)
7 3-35 KEY DEAR 14 (B,F) R Juckes 6-10-13 T Wall
8 220/ HOMILE 79F (B) G Fierro 5-10-10 G McCourt
9 25/3 KINLET VISION 27 (S) W Jenks 5-10-6 T Jenks (5)
10 P4P- CISTOLENA 87 W Clay 7-10-1 Diane Clay

11-4 Colway Prince, 7-2 Rowhedge, 5-1 Ullswater, 13-2 The Hidden City, 8-1 Persian Valley, 10-1 Key Dear, 12-1 Chamois Boy, 16-1 others.

2.30 REDDITCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,709: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 P0-2 KARAKTER REFERENCE 26 (D,F,G) R O'Sullivan 11-12-0 D O'Sullivan
2 24-1 MISTER FEATHERS 22 (C,D,F,G) J King 12-10-3 D Leahy
3 0P1/ BELL DIP 866 (D,F) W Clay 12-10-0 M Hourigan
4 3-3P THEY ALL FORGOT ME 14 (D,F,G) T Casey 6-10-0 J McCarthy
5 00/6 MIRAGE DANCER 20 (F) Miss C Caroe 10-10-0 S Wynne

11-10 Mister Feathers, 7-4 Karakter Reference, 13-2 They All Forgot Me, 12-1 Bell Dip, 20-1 Mirage Dancer.

3.00 DROITWICH HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,846: 2m) (4)

1 2F-1 MEGA BLUE 14 (D,F,G,S) Mrs V Aconley 8-11-11 P Niven
2 222/ FEATHER YOUR NEST 470 (D,F) K Bailey 8-10-6 N Williamson
3 2-43 WEEKDAY CROSS 17 (D,G) J Jenkins 5-10-0 A Maguire
4 50-0 RONOCCO 24 (D,F,G) Mrs S Williams 11-10-0 S McNeill

8-11 Mega Blue, 100-30 Weekday Cross, 9-2 Feather Your Nest, 10-1 Ronocco

3.30 WYCHAVON NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (8)

1 P6-1 PERFORATE 22 (B,F) R Baker 4-11-3 L Harvey
2 0/ CHEW IT OVER 394F C Smith 5-11-0 A Maguire
3 UPP- SKY VENTURE 104 C Trietline 9-11-0 S Earle
4 SP-3 SUNDAY JIM 24 H Webb 9-11-0 M Bosley
5 20-0 DOCTOR DUNKLIN 14 Mrs V Ward 4-10-11 D Gallagher
6 LAST CONQUEST 14F R O'Sullivan 4-10-11 C Llewellyn
7 -660 PENNINE PASS 24 D Williams 4-10-11 R Davis (5)
8 0- RICH AND RED 294 K Bailey 7-10-9 N Williamson

5-4 Perforate, 7-2 Last Conquest, 5-1 Rich And Red, Sunday Jim, 8-1 Chew It Over, Pennine Pass, 14-1 others.

4.00 ALCESTER NOVICES CHASE
(£2,672: 2m 7f) (7)

1 11-1 STRONG MEDICINE 19 (C,D,F) K Bailey 6-11-6 N Williamson
2 332- BADBURY LAD 125 A Chamberlain 7-11-0 B Powell
3 364- HUGLI 307 (F) S Sherwood 6-11-0 J Osborne
4 60P/ ISLAND FOREST 586 P Nicholls 7-11-0 G Bradley
5 0F0/ STRONG SUSPECT 736 J Mullins 8-11-0 S Earle
6 P4-3 APRIL'S BABY 15 Miss C Caroe 9-10-9 I Lawrence
7 P6-0 MISS TIMBER TOPPER 12 (F) Mrs V Aconley 9-10-9 J Callaghan

4-7 Strong Medicine, 7-2 Hugli, 5-1 Badbury Lad, 10-1 April's Baby, 12-1 others.

4.30 MALVERN HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,343: 3m) (9)

1 112- ELITE REG 63F (B,C,BF,F,G,S) M Pipe 4-12-0 R Dunwoody
2 421- CHUCKLESTONE 6F (D,F) J King 10-11-4 J Kavanagh
3 128- STORM DRUM 99 (F,S) K Bailey 4-10-11 N Williamson
4 P44- SMARTIE LEE 184 (G) J White 8-10-7 A Maguire
5 5P-5 OWEN 26 (C,D,F,G,S) B Smart 9-10-0 B Powell
6 P36- MOUNTSHANNON 105 (G) C Trietline 7-10-0 S Earle
7 P6-5 SAILOR BOY 25 (B,G) A Reid 7-10-0 M Hourigan (3)
8 62/0 GRACE MOORE 14 (F) K Bishop 9-10-0 R Greene (3)
9 50-0 WAR BEAT 19 (C,F) B Baugh 5-10-0 M A Fitzgerald

9-4 Elite Reg, 3-1 Chucklestone, 7-2 Storm Drum, 7-1 Grace Moore, 8-1 Smartie Lee, 12-1 Owen, 16-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 40 winners from 116 runners, 34.5%; P Nicholls, 4 from 18, 22.2%; K Bailey, 9 from 51, 17.6%; S Sherwood, 3 from 18, 16.7%; J King, 4 from 29, 13.8%; C Trietline, 5 from 37, 13.5%.

JOCKEYS: S Curran, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; J Osborne, 21 from 82, 25.6%; M Hourigan, 4 from 19, 21.1%; A Maguire, 15 from 72, 20.8%; R Dunwoody, 28 from 190, 14.7%; N Williamson, 8 from 56, 14.3%.

□ The sponsors have installed seven horses at 20-1 co-favourite for the William Hill Cambridgeshire. They are: Andromaque, Beauchamp Hero, Dawning Street, Lap Of Luxury, Mellottie, Philidor and Teshami.

Blinkered first time

EDINBURGH: 2.40 Keep Batting. 3.40 Hong Kong Future
LINGFIELD PARK: 3.50 Bellsabanging

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Brighton
Going: good to firm

2.10 (5f 59yd) 1. Major Success (D Holland, 11-8 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Charisma Girl (16-1), 3. Tutu Sadysix (8-1). 10 ran. Nk, 1½l. B Hills. Tote £2.40, £1.50, £2.20, £1.90. DF £22.10. CSF £23.18. Tricast £130.87

2.40 (6f 209yd) 1. Henry's Luck (R Painter, 11-2), 2. Starsport (9-1), 3. Tswana (9-2). Green's Impression 7-2 jt-fav. 14 ran. NR: Sea Spouse, Express Line. 2½l, 3l. M Channon. Tote £6.90, £2.00, £1.80, £1.90. DF £24.70. CSF £53.53.

3.10 (7f 214yd) 1. Sharp Gazelle (Stephen Davies, 5-1), 2. Dodgy (6-1), 3. Tout De Val (50-1). Fanfold 11-8 fav. 10 ran. 3l, sh hd. B Smart. Tote £7.40: £1.90, £1.40, £6.10. DF: £14.80. CSF: £32.80.

3.40 (1m 3f 196yd) 1. Dr Zeva (Kim McDonnell, 20-1), 2. Lookingforarainbow (15-2), 3. Head Turner (50-1). Utrillo 2-1 fav. 13 ran. 1½l, 1l. M Dixon. Tote £37.70; £6.20, £1.70, £24.90. DF: £64.60. Trio: £297.90. CSF £165.55. Tricast: £6,646.63.

4.10 (6f 209yd) 1. Quinsigimond (G Duffield, 11-10 fav), 2. Devout Dancer (12-1), 3. Desert Nomad (11-2). 8 ran. 1½l, ½l. M Prescott. Tote £1.90; £1.00, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £5.70. CSF: £14.45.

4.40 (7f 214yd) 1. Superensis (Kim McDonnell, 5-1); 2. Basso (7-1); 3. Gathering (33-1). Ler Cru 9-4 fav. 9 ran. 2½l, hd. W Muir. Tote: £7.80; £2.00, £2.10, £3.20. DF: £14.00. CSF £37.11.

5.10 (1m 1f 209yd) 1. Kalimutu (Mrs L Pearce, 5-1; Richard Evans's nap); 2. Don't Drop Bombs (8-1), 3. Medland (10-1). 4. Torghia (20-1). Strat's Legacy 5-2 fav. 17 ran. NR. Candarela. 1l, 6l. J Pearce. Tote: £7.10: £1.50, £2.20, £2.90, £5.40. DF £32.80. CSF: £45.52. Tricast: £363.02.

Placepot: £335.50.

Redcar
Going: good to firm (good in places)

1.50 (1m 6f 19yd) 1. Carrolls Marc (R Cochrane, 13-2), 2. Free Transfer (11-2 jt-fav); 3. Reach For Glory (11-2 jt-fav). 14 ran. NR: Anar, A Gentleman Two. Hd, 2l. P Haslam. Tote. £9.30, £3.50, £2.80, £3.20. DF: £46.90. CSF. £41.11. Tricast £193.46.

2.20 (1m) 1. Dancing Domino (G Maloney, 8-4); 2. Hershebar (16-1), 3. Talented Ting (7-4 fav). 8 ran. 3l, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.60, £1.50, £2.80. DF. £49.40. CSF: £28.81.

2.50 (7f) 1. Askern (E Johnson, 20-1); 2. Suna (5-4 fav); 3. Pavaka (5-1). 9 ran. 1½l, 3l. J Hanson. Tote. £28.20; £5.00, £1.10, £2.30. DF: £47.30. CSF. £44.57.

3.20 (1m 2f) 1. Shirley Rose (L Dettori, 9-4 fav), 2. Blue Grotto (10-1), 3. Scorched Air (6-1). 8 ran. Sh hd. 2l. M Johnston. Tote. £2.70; £1.30, £2.70, £2.20. DF: £25.90. CSF: £22.53.

3.50 (1m 5f 135yd) 1. Mondragon (J Lowe, 9-1); 2. Mingavie (10-1), 3. Side Bar (12-1). Duplicate 6-1 fav. 14 ran. 3l, 1l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £9.70, £2.70, £3.90, £2.80. DF £56.90. Trio. £220.30. CSF: £88.57. Tricast £983.94.

4.20 (5f) 1. Eleuthera (L Dettori, 4-5 fav); 2. Mary Hinge (5-1), 3. Chastize (7-2). 8 ran. 1l, 2½l. D Loder. Tote. £1.70; £1.10, £1.80, £1.40. DF. £3.10. CSF £5.48.

4.50 (7f) 1. Amazing Feat (R Cochrane, 6-1; Thunderer's nap); 2. North Ardar (11-1), 3. Ok Bertie (11-1). Laurel Queen 100-30 fav. 13 ran. 2½l, nk. Mrs M Reveley. Tote. £6.30; £2.80, £2.90, £3.70. DF: £41.10. Trio. £125.20. CSF: £68.37. Tricast: £638.13.

Placepot: £89.10.

Exeter
Going: firm

2.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1. Euphonic (J Frost, 10-11 fav); 2. Beat The Bagman (13-2); 3. Star Minstrel (20-1). 11 ran. 1l, 15l. I Balding. Tote £1.60. £1.10. £2.20, £3.50. DF. £5.50. CSF £7.50.

2.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1. Its All Over Now (S McNeill, 9-2). 2. Millrous (3-1); 3. Salar's Spirit (9-4 fav). 8 ran. 1l, 12l. Mrs A King. Tote: £7.70; £1.80, £1.60, £1.40. DF £19.80. CSF. £16.84. Tricast: £32.76

3.00 (2m 1f 110yd ch) 1. Bondaid (A Maguire, 5-2). 2. Needs Must (17-2). 3. Titus Andronicus (100-30). Windsor Park 9-4 fav. 7 ran. 1½l, 5l. J White. Tote: £3.70. £1.30. £2.60. DF: £12.90. CSF: £19.70

3.30 (2m 6f 110yd ch) 1. Pigeon Island (D Meade, 16-1); 2. Skipping Tim (1-3 fav), 3. Tanber Lass (11-1). 8 ran. 1l, 2½l. G Charles-Jones. Tote £14.30; £3.70, £1.30. DF. £8.70. CSF: £20.19.

4.00 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1. Trust Deed (M A Fitzgerald, 12-1); 2. Frosty Reception (7-4 fav). 3. Madraj (10-1). 7 ran. NR. Abu Muslab. 1½l, 2l. Mrs A Knight. Tote: £9.50; £2.30, £1.70. DF: £8.20. CSF: £30.71. Tricast. £182.97.

4.30 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1. Mustahil (R Dunwoody, 11-2); 2. Alnar (5-4 fav); 3. Sudanor (25-1). 11 ran. 7l, 3l. R Hodges. Tote: £5.90; £2.30, £1.10, £7.30. DF. £4.00. CSF £11.53. Placepot: £41.60.

Adams is to miss Arsenal's return to Europe

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

TONY Adams, the Arsenal captain, will miss the club's return to European football in the Cup-Winners' Cup next month. A one-match suspension incurred two years ago has ruled the inspirational England defender out of side's first-round, first-leg tie against either OB Odense, of Denmark, or Publikum, of Slovenia.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said yesterday: "It's for two yellow cards Tony received in the European Cup in 1991." Adams was cautioned against FK Austria in the first round and Benfica in the second and the punishment has a carry-over effect to future competitions under the regulations of Uefa, European football's governing body.

He will miss the away leg on September 21, probably against Odense, who lead Publikum 1-0 in their preliminary round tie with the home leg to come.

Adams' absence could mean that Steve Bould, the Arsenal player of the year when they last won the championship two years ago, returns after a difficult spell with injuries. Bould was plagued by a thigh injury for much of last season and, although he attempted a series of comebacks, none was successful. However, he has returned to full training after having an operation to remove a cyst in the thigh before this season began.

"It's a big relief that they have finally found the problem," Bould said. "I was beginning to feel like a forgotten man and now I just want the supporters to know I'm still around."

Adams had to miss last night's 2-1 Premier League win against Leeds at Highbury with an ankle injury sustained in training. He should be fit for Saturday's home game with Everton.

There is a much bigger doubt, though, over Lee Dixon, the club's right back, who missed his third consecutive match due to the ankle injury he picked up in the FA Charity Shield against Manchester United on August 7. That is bad news for England manager Graham Taylor, who on Monday names his squad for the vital World Cup qualifier against Poland on September 8 and is expected to include Dixon.

Paul Merson is also worried about his future with England. The enigmatic forward scored the decisive goal against Leeds, but believes he was only in the team because John Jensen was away on World Cup duty with Denmark.

"It wouldn't surprise me if I was left out again on Saturday but I need a run in the side to earn an England place," he said. "I would love to play against Poland and I've explained that to George Graham, but he picks the team."

□ Marco van Basten, the Holland forward, should be fit to play for AC Milan again before the end of the year, his surgeon said yesterday. "We noticed a definite improvement today. He has recovered quite well from the surgery," Professor Marc Martens said after examining the player at his Antwerp clinic.



IAN STEWART

Atkinson, of Aston Villa, scorer of an outstanding goal in the FA Carling Premiership on Monday night, drifts between two Manchester United players

Dignity can drive out colour spectre



Rob Hughes looks at attempts to remove the menace of racism from our national game

When Dalian Atkinson scored one of his bewitching goals at Villa Park on Monday, it touched the soul of 39,624 spectators. This was the essence of our national game, a performer entrancing the fans by his imagination, his athleticism, the mysterious instinct which moves a player quicker than it takes to transmit thought from the brain to the feet.

It is an act of impulse, and the impulse sends a frisson through the crowd whether their colour be claret and blue, red or neutral.

Once asked a racist question about the origins of his dynamism, Atkinson had replied: "It comes from being chased in the street by dogs." He smiled, and allowed the questioner to find out for himself that he was raised in Telford, Shropshire.

But the question of colour is no longer the taboo subject it was years ago. Sportsmen and women are now proud rather than afraid of their culture, and this season the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) is mounting a campaign aimed at the supporters. Its message? "Kick racism out of football."

It cannot be racist to admire whatever is bred into Atkinson. It was significant that his goal began on the halfway line, where somehow he sensed the high bounce of the ball far more quickly than Roy Keane, the most expensive player in England, who happens to be Irish. Atkinson then audaciously outpaced Steve Bruce, a Geordie whose 600 plus games in professional football did not equip him to anticipate or stop this speed. Finally, there came the power to shoot from 18 yards with a venom that took the ball through the hands of a strapping Scandinavian goalkeeper, Peter Schmeichel.

So we had a microcosm of the United Nations our soccer embraces. A less palatable observation came when one looked around to see how many Afro-Asians there might be in the Villa crowd. It is credible that the six coloured players on view in this night of very special high quality football outnumbered those of ethnic origin in the crowd — and this in an area of predominantly coloured citizens.

'The unwillingness to take vile abuse diminishes the chance of coloured people attending'

Why should this be? The CRE campaigners suggest that the unwillingness of coloured people to take vile abuse, and the fear of serious violence, diminishes the likelihood of them attending what is their national game as well as ours.

Herman Ouseley, the CRE chairman, describes himself as a football fanatic who would not be willing to take his own family to football; John Fashanu, the Wimbledon centre forward and a player who is building himself into a cult figure, says the same.

And yet there has been a law in this country since 1990 making racist chanting illegal. It was instigated by Lord Justice Taylor. Ironically, I suspect that an equally powerful deterrent to the ethnic minorities is one of Taylor's other recommendations: for the upgrading of our stadiums to all-seater has put the price of admission beyond many of the people the act to curb racist chanting was designed to protect.

However, in a perfect world, sport would be colour blind. We would judge a champion on what comes from inside, and not be so bigoted or so foolish as to read the skin-deep statement of pigmentation.

We are not that pure. Athletes themselves, from Jesse Owens celebrating his triumph over Hitler's Aryan notions, to the late Laurie Cunningham, who led the breakthrough for our black footballer, the performers themselves have never been quite sure whether to play with a dignified silence, or to try to make some boast of their colour.

While the present campaign against racist behaviour is obviously sincere, I question whether evolution might not be better left to its own pace. In 1975, I polled 14 managers in the first division. Two of them employed a black player but 12 said they would not, most of them making the inane observation that black players "lacked bottle". That at a time when Muhammad Ali was world heavyweight champion, and Pele and Eusebio were peerless.

Change has come apace in the game and, whereas two decades ago there were 20 coloured players in the League, there are today upwards of 200 among less than 2,000 professional players.

Today, in fact, you could name an England side in which every member would be black, and it would not fall far short of the quality Graham Taylor will name next week against Poland.

The following team would fetch around £30 million on the transfer market: D James — P Parker, D Walker, E Barrett, S Campbell — P Ince, C Palmer, J Barnes — I Wright, B Deane, L Ferdinand.

This could happen in England, but in few places on the continent. Germany, Italy and even Holland, which thrives on gifted players from Surinam, has had atrocious, organised neo-Nazi campaigns against players. In Germany, even in Budapest, black footballers have been assaulted, and in Italy, at the start of this year, Ruud Gullit, one of the great players of his era, actually suggested that where black players are verbally abused, the games should be stopped.

'I see the solution coming from the sportsman using his gifts to win acclaim and respect'

I am fond of Gullit, but while I abhor the indecency and stupidity of judging a man by his colour, I see the solution coming from the sportsman using his gifts to win acclaim and respect. Football, being the people's game, always has attracted, and alas probably always will attract, those of warped minds trying to make their views heard. They are defeated by dignified displays from the field.

And in England, while the vast majority of clubs have carried messages in their programme and posters on behalf of the CRE, a handful have resisted. They are Norwich, Southampton, Brighton, Crewe, Crystal Palace, Middlesbrough and York City. Even the CRE respects the word of those clubs that their objection is not racist, and their belief that their clubs, on and off the field, are not embroiled by the problem.

However, Margaret Michie, the CRE senior information officer, says: "While waiting for evolution to do the job, surely we can educate and inform people of what the law says. We are trying to persuade those clubs that it would be more positive for the game if they could help provide a unanimous stand."

Possibly so. The booing of John Barnes at Wembley last autumn is still a harrowing memory, to whites just as much as to blacks. But on this subject, my favourite player is Pele. He comes from a country where players — black, white or mulatto — have for decades been assessed purely on performance.

When we sat at dinner in Gothenburg last summer, I asked what memory he carried of this place where he made his World Cup debut at the age of 17.

"So many beautiful girls," he answered. "I couldn't take my eyes off them. And they kept touching my hair. Swedish people had not seen many blacks at that time." There, perhaps, is positive sporting discrimination.

FA charges Bull after Wrexham see video evidence

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

STEVE Bull, the Wolverhampton Wanderers striker, learnt yesterday he is to face a Football Association charge for an alleged assault on Mel Pejic, the Wrexham defender, in a pre-season game at The Racecourse on August 3. Pejic suffered a fractured cheekbone, chipped teeth and concussion, and has not been able to play since.

Bull was reported to the FA last week after Wrexham officials studied a video recording of the incident, which was not seen by the match referee, John Lloyd.

"A complaint was made against Steve Bull by Mel Pejic and Wrexham and, as a consequence, Bull has been charged with misconduct," David Bloomfield, an FA spokesman, said yesterday.

Keith Pearson, the Wolves secretary, said he expected Bull, who has 14 days to answer the charge, to request a personal hearing.

If found guilty, the former England international could face at least a three-match suspension, which would be a jolt to his club's early season promotion aspirations.

Paul Davis, the Arsenal midfield player, was fined £3,000 and suspended for nine matches after one of the first "trial by TV" rulings when he was found guilty of breaking the jaw of the Southampton player Glenn Cockerill. Another Arsenal player, Ian Wright, the England striker, was banned for three games after being filmed aiming a punch at David Howells, of Tottenham Hotspur.

Terry Fenwick, the former England defender, is attempting to rebuild his career with Swindon Town. Fenwick, 33, is out of contract at Tottenham and has joined the struggling Premier League club on trial after almost six years at White Hart Lane. He played in the first three matches of last season, but subsequently made only two appearances as a substitute.

"I've waited all summer to see whether anything was going to change, but it seems as though it's time to look after myself," Fenwick said. "I'm a free agent and I'm just waiting to see what turns up.

"I've come to Swindon primarily to get some match fitness, though I would obviously be interested in something long term.

"At my age I'm not getting any quicker, but I played in the top flight for ten years and the one thing I can offer is experience."

John Gorman, the Swindon manager, added: "Terry's on trial to get fit with the view to a permanent signing and will be staying with us until we make a decision."

Willie Falconer's move from Middlesbrough to Sheffield United has been settled out of court, with the player valued at £400,000, leaving Graham Stuart and Jason Dozzell as the multi-million pound focus of tomorrow's London transfer tribunal.

Ipswich want £2 million for Dozzell, who is filling a sparkling role in Spurs' diamond structure, while Stuart's price swings between the £1.5 million valuation by his former club, Chelsea, and the £750,000 his new club, Everton, are willing to pay.

Rangers struggle with injury problems

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

RANGERS and Aberdeen will stage a repeat of last season's two domestic cup finals at Ibrox next week when they meet in the fourth round of the Scottish League Cup. If the match is to follow the pattern established in those matches, then Rangers, the League Cup-holders, will win and continue towards yet another domestic final. It may not, however, be quite as easy as that.

A growing list of injuries has cast a shadow over Rangers' preparations for the game, a list which grew on Tuesday night when John Brown, the central defender, sat in the stand at East End Park alongside Ally McCoist and Stuart McCall as Rangers coasted past Dunfermline 2-0. Despite the win, the Rangers manager, Walter Smith, was in a gloomy mood afterwards, confirming that Brown will under go a back operation in the near future.

"It looks as if he will be out for a month," Smith said. "He needs the operation on a disc problem and will miss next week's game as well as our European Cup first-round tie against Levski Sofia. It means that we are not able to field anything like a settled side.

"We can't get continuity, but at least if we continue to go about things as we did against Dunfermline, we are always likely to get results. It was good to get David Robertson back for his first game of the season and for Duncan Ferguson to get another game." Trevor Steven hit his first goal since February in the fifth minute and Ian Ferguson made the game safe soon afterwards.

While Rangers were easing their way into the last eight Aberdeen took the hard way, requiring extra-time to dismiss the surprise leaders of the premier division, Motherwell, 5-2 at Pittodrie. Aberdeen trailed 2-1 with 11 minutes remaining, but Joe Miller began to repay the £265,000 his new club paid Celtic in the closed season with the equaliser. Scott Booth then struck twice and Eoin Jess once to see Aberdeen through in extra-time.

Partick Thistle, who put 11 goals past Albion Rovers in the last round, had to settle for one this time. Albert Craig claimed the second half winner against Morton at Cappielow that earned Thistle a home quarter-final against Hibernian. The Edinburgh side squeezed past Dundee 2-1 at Easter Road with goals from Gordon Hunter and Keith Wright. Dundee United's Billy McKinlay hit the only goal against St Mirren at Love Street.

Leeds promise to stick to principles

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE contrast between the teams at Highbury on Tuesday night was stark, with Leeds United's prospects of success this season looking poor. Arsenal, successful in both domestic cup competitions last term, already look like challengers for the FA Carling Premiership; Leeds, champions two seasons ago, look likely to flatter and then fall short of achieving anything.

Arsenal's 2-1 win was a triumph of determination over domination, three points won against a Leeds team whose possession football controlled the game for long periods. An own-goal by John Newsome gave Arsenal a second-minute lead, Paul Merson secured the win just before the hour mark and Gordon Strachan's seventieth-minute reply was little consolation.

Yesterday, despite such an unconvincing start to the season, Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, promised his team will continue to stick to their sweet-passing principles: "There is still plenty of room for optimism," he said.

It was Arsenal's third win in a row, built without Tony Adams, their regular inspiration, who should be back from an ankle injury to face Everton on Saturday.

Coventry City's visit to Oldham Athletic was entertaining, Coventry recovering from a 3-1 deficit with 15 minutes to go to salvage a 3-3 draw. Bobby Gould, the Coventry manager, may face a Football Association charge for his attack Peter Foakes, on the referee, over a penalty goal by the Oldham striker, Andy Ritchie. The referee blew for a foul on the edge of the Coventry box, but, on the intervention of a linesman, changed his mind and gave the spot kick.

"I'm told television showed that it was never a penalty," Gould said. "I thought the performance of the officials was worse than pathetic."

Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, secured his first win in seven attempts against his former club, Wimbledon, with the 2-1 success at Bramall Lane. Jostein Flo, the Norwegian international forward, had a fine home debut, scoring United's first goal. Willie Falconer scored the second. Andy Clarke pulled one back for the visitors. Blackburn Rovers beat Manchester City 2-0 at Maine Road, with goals from Mike Newell and Kevin Gallacher.

In the first division of the Endsleigh Insurance League, Stan Collymore, who cost Nottingham Forest £2.2 million from Southend United during the close season, struggled as Palace won 2-0.

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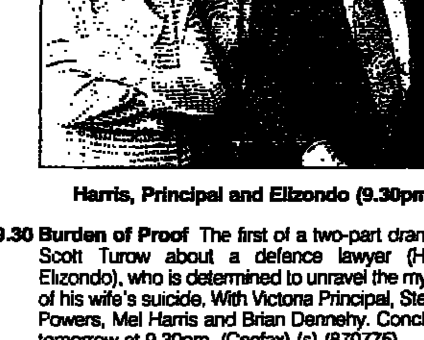
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (20713)
7.00 Breakfast News (44081268)
9.05 Clowning Around Children's drama series (r). (Ceefax) (4314713) **9.35 Why Don't You..?** Make a meal of kebabs (r) (s) (2552084)
10.00 News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (1520930) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (3452997) **10.25 Run the Risk** Game show (r) (s) (5448591)
11.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8914317) **11.05 The High Chaparral** Vintage western series (r) (5877713) **11.55 For the Love of It** Alan Barker's childhood dream, to drive a steam train, came true when he volunteered to help on the North Norfolk Railway (9835355)
12.00 News (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5223572) **12.05 Pop Goes Summer.** Ross King talks to the singer Dionne Warwick (s) (2951404) **12.25 UK Summer Special Olympics.** Highlights from Sheffield (s) (8999268) **12.55 Regional news** and weather (71962978)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (64084)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80609404)
1.50 Going for Gold With Henry Kelly (s) (80603220)
2.15 For the Term of His Natural Life Final part of the Australian drama series Rufus Dawes attempts to escape from the penal colony on Norfolk Island (r) (Ceefax) (134133)
4.10 Children's BBC: Orville and Cuddles. Cartoon (r) (8524521) **4.15 The All New Popeye Show.** Animated triple bill (r) (2639084) **4.35 Dizzy Heights.** Puppet series (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3546539) **5.00 Newsround** (2735355) **5.10 Record Breakers.** Includes Michael Palin's journey from pole to pole (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3488688)
5.35 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (521171) **Northern Ireland** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (881)
6.30 Regional news magazines (133). **Northern Ireland.** Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s)
7.00 Top of the Pops. Introduced by Tony Dortie. (Ceefax) (s) (4152)
7.30 EastEnders. Pauline and Arthur are drawn closer together. (Ceefax) (s) (317)
8.00 Nature Detectives. (Ceefax) See Choice (4012)
8.30 Crime Limited. Nick Ross presents the series about crime and its victims. Tonight's programme includes a report on the man who had to employ his own forensic scientist to prove that he did not murder his wife, and the landmark case that established that murder could be proved, even without a body. (Ceefax) (s) (9607)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7341)

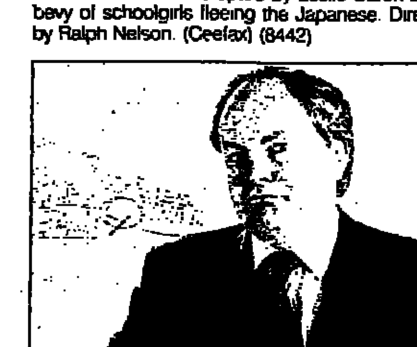


Harris, Principal and Elizondo (9.30pm)

9.30 Burden of Proof The first of a two-part drama by Scott Turow about a defence lawyer (Hector Elizondo), who is determined to unravel the mystery of his wife's suicide. With Victoria Principal, Stefanie Powers, Mel Harris and Brian Dennehy. Concludes tomorrow at 9.30pm. (Ceefax) (s) (870775)
11.10 Spenser for Hire Spenser accidentally kills a teenager. With Robert Urich (356571)
11.55 Weather (404882). Ends at **12.00**
2.15-2.45am BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (49963)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Physics. X-Rays and Energy Levels (2328084) **7.10** Geometry. Silicate Structures (7850268) **7.35** Failure of Stressed Materials. Aircraft (3951201)
8.00 Breakfast News (4527133)
8.15 Ghostwriter. The final part of *To Catch a Creep* (r) (s) (1181249) **8.40 Under Sail.** The pilot cutter ships of the Bristol Channel (r) (4808997)
9.00 Film: Radio City Revels (1938, b/w) starring Milton Berle, Jack Oakie and Bob Burns. Hectic musical comedy about a songwriter who composes hit tunes in his sleep. Directed by Ben Stoloff (81065)
10.30 Film: Nothing Sacred (1937, b/w) starring Carole Lombard and Fredric March. Sparkling comedy in which a journalist exploits a girl's imminent death. Directed by William Wellman (2567881)
11.40 Laurel and Hardy Double Bill: *Them Thar Hills* (1934, b/w) (6772249), and at **12.00** *The Laurel and Hardy Murder Case* (1930, b/w) (35423)
12.30 A Girl Named Ratih. Ratih Dardo of Java has shunned a jet-set life to become a psychiatric social worker in a hospital in Jakarta (r) (8979713)
1.20 Bertha. Cartoon (r) (84397862)
1.35 Discovering Birds (r) (19859775)
2.00 News and weather (94109794) followed by **The English Woman and the Horse** (r) (7348201)
3.00 News and weather (1661862) followed by **Aussies.** Jack Pizzey looks at the Australian way of life (r) (6734046) **3.50 News** and weather (1605862)
4.00 Tender, Slender and Tall. The Kansas City Jazz Band on tour (r) (666)
4.30 Show Jumping from Hickstead. Featuring the Silk Cut Tankard Introduced by David Vine (s) (79620)
6.00 Film: Father Goose (1964). Cary Grant stars in this enjoyable comedy drama as an alcoholic lookout on a South Seas island during the second world war, whose solitude is disrupted by Leslie Caron and a bevy of schoolgirls fleeing the Japanese. Directed by Ralph Nelson. (Ceefax) (8442)

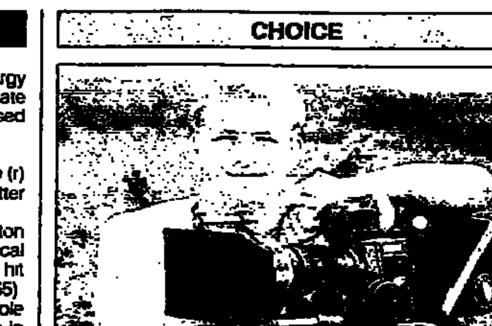


Questions of life for Clive Anderson (8.00pm)

8.00 Notes and Queries with Clive Anderson. Highlights from the first series (r) (s) (1442)
8.30 The Travel Show. Includes a report from the Turkish resort of Alanya (7249)
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. Comedy with Stephen Fry and Hugh Laurie (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8713)
9.30 Pandora's Box: Black Power. The story behind the construction of the Volta dam in West Africa (r). (Ceefax) (s) (49268)
10.30 Newsnight with Sue Cameron. (Ceefax) (221249)
11.15 No Stilettos. Eddie Reader's guests include Edwyn Collins, Ian McNabb, Jumpin' the Gunn and A House (r) (s) (381355) **11.55 Weather** (204864)
12.00 Jumpcuts. Open University preview (9515114)
12.05am The Resourceful Manager. How middle-management is implementing change to remain competitive (6740805). Ends at **12.35**

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CHOICE



Out in the wild with Chris Packham (BBC1, 8.00pm)

Nature Detectives
BBC1, 8.00pm

Faced with devising yet another variant on the wildlife series, the BBC Natural History Unit has come up with a cross between *Beadle's About* and *Jim'll Fix It*. The "detectives" are members of the public, capturing golden moments on their camcorders or asking the professionals to make their dreams come true. The home movies include one of a blue tit nest, shot by a school caretaker. Delighted recipients of BBC technology include a pensioner able to indulge her passion for crayfish. In the show's most spectacular item the cameras zoom in on peregrine falcons nesting on the side of a cooling tower. The stunt is enjoyed by all except a local pigeon fancier who fears that his birds will become the falcons' supper.

Witness: The Emperor's Birthday
Channel 4, 9.00pm

A small man with an impressive beard, the Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia ruled autocratically over a backward feudal society. He was deposed in an army coup in 1974 and probably murdered. For Rastafarians he lives on as the fulfilment of an ancient prophecy that Christ will return to earth. The centenary of Haile Selassie's birth saw a pilgrimage of Rastafarians to Addis Abbaba. It is the peg for a look at how blacks in North America and the Caribbean came to see the emperor as a symbol of their African past. John Dollar's film features Noel Dyer, a Jamaican who came to England in the early 1960s and then hitch-hiked to Ethiopia through Europe and north Africa. At 65 he is the country's oldest Rastafarian.

Silverlake Life: The View from Here
Channel 4, 10.35pm

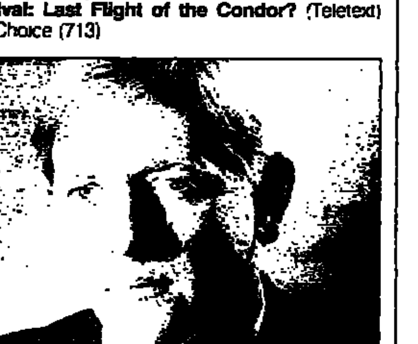
A video diary made by Tom Joslin records the last months of himself and his long-time lover, Mark Massi, before their deaths from Aids in California. Like many home movies it is rough-edged, discursive, a shade indulgent but utterly authentic. It records visits to doctors and faith healers, a Christmas reunion with Tom's family and routine shopping trips which become an increasing ordeal. The matter-of-factness is misleading. The men may face the end with impressive calm and the minimum of self-pity. But the physical deterioration is shocking and the pain is palpable. The decline is even more striking when compared with footage shot by Joslin 15 years earlier showing two young men confident about the future.

Survival: Last Flight of the Condor?
ITV London and Granada, 7.30pm (regions, 8.30pm)

The second nature documentary of the evening visits the mountains of Ecuador to catch up with an endangered species. With its ten-foot wingspan the Andean condor is one of the world's largest birds. It is also one of the rarest. For the Indians of the Inca empire the condor was revered as a messenger from the gods. For the Spanish conquerors of 500 years ago it was a symbol of paganism and had to be eradicated. The battle for survival has continued ever since. The spectacular footage for this programme was shot by the wildlife cameraman Friedemann Koester. He became so concerned for the species that he turned his home and garden into a rescue station for birds injured or held in captivity. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (4564510)
9.25 Adventures of the Galaxy Rangers Cartoon (r) (5070713) **9.50 London Today** (2887775)
9.55 Film: The Tale of Tsar Saltan A Russian cartoon based on the poet Alexander Pushkin's fairy-tale about a tsar and his brave son (5637591) **10.55 News** headlines (6202336)
11.00 James Bond Jr. Animation (6212713) **11.25 Win, Lose or Draw** Charade game show (6282572) **11.55 London Today** (9820423)
12.00 Cartoon (7281930) **12.10 The Riddlers** Puppet fun (r) (2976713)
12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Julia Somerville (Teletext) (8530539) **1.05 London Today** (84312171)
1.15 Home and Away (Teletext) (977930)
1.45 A Country Practice Medical drama (s) (976201)
2.15 House Style The DIY series features a visit to the home of impressionist Janet Brown (991510)
2.45 Take the High Road. Scottish soap (3096591) **3.10 News** (1689268) **3.15 London Today** (1658539)
3.20 The Young Doctors. Hospital drama (2376775)
3.50 Children's ITV: The Wisdom of the Gnomes. Cartoon (6558133) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club** With Rolf Harris (r) (502775) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (3520591)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Ceefax) (2725268)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) Weather (139249)
6.00 London Tonight (58862)
7.00 Emmerdale Jack makes Robert fear the worst. (Teletext) (9220)
7.30 Survival: Last Flight of the Condor? (Teletext) See Choice (713)

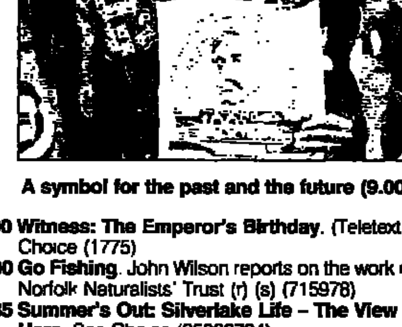


Carver (Mark Wingett) gets his man (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: To Catch a Thief. DC Carver (Mark Wingett) arrests a pickpocket. (Teletext) (5268)
8.30 Film: Agatha Christie's A Caribbean Mystery (1983). Helen Hayes stars as the irascible sleuth Miss Marple, whose convalescence in the West Indies is disrupted by two murders at her hotel. With Barnard Hughes and Maurice Evans. Directed by Robert Lewis (84268)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (30978) **10.30 London Tonight** (246855)
10.40 Metroland. A humorous film by Neil Rawles on the influences of people born in Essex (s) (547688)
11.10 Film: Wait Until Dark (1967). Audrey Hepburn stars in this memorable thriller as a blind woman who, unwittingly, has a consignment of drugs stashed in her apartment. With Alan Arkin. Directed by Terence Young (726256)
1.10 The Twilight Zone: Night Crawlers. Haunted by memories of Vietnam, a veteran is terrified of falling asleep in case his nightmare comes true. With Scott Paulin (2255195)
1.35 Hollywood Report. Katie Wagner talks to Mel Brooks on the set of his latest film spoof, *Robin Hood: Men in Tights* (s) (6576060)
2.00 Donahue. Phil Donahue meets couples who met and married on the same day (44843)
3.00 Quiz Night. Ye Olde White Bear and Cherry Tree compete in the pub quiz (61737)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (72992)
4.00 Entertainment UK (r) (s) (68282)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (40756)
5.30 ITN Morning News (39089). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Feline cartoon (1684794)
6.45 Wowser. Animated adventures of a dog (1807249)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (54607)
9.00 Saved by the Bell. Teenage comedy (40355)
9.30 Star Street. Zodiac fun (2546423)
9.55 Kid 'n' Play. Cartoon adventures with the rapping stars of the film *House Party* (r) (2554442)
10.25 Kelly. Police dog tales (2897152)
10.55 The Adventures of Tintin Hergé's hero is stranded on the moon (r) (8237648)
11.20 The Henderson Kids. Steve throws a party (r) (6214171)
11.50 Speaking from America The technology used to make transatlantic phone calls in the late 1930s (7758794) **12.00 High 5** Sporting feats (r) (20591)
12.30 Sesame Street. Today's guests are Rick Moranis and Billy Joel (r) (83249)
1.30 Alfred J. Kwak. Adventures with the musical duck (r) (70084)
2.00 Film: Broken Journey (1948, b/w) starring Phyllis Calvert. Stagey melodrama about the passengers of a plane struggling to survive following a crash in the Swiss Alps. Directed by Ken Annakin (667171)
3.35 Paul Kane Goes West. An account of the artist's and author's travels through North America in 1959 (r) (6544930)
3.55 The Secret Life of . . . The Telephone. A history lesson by Tim Hunkin (r) (Teletext) (9678997)
4.30 Countdown. Jan Harvey is today's guest in the Dictionary Corner of the words and numbers quiz (Teletext) (s) (626)
5.00 Oprah Gold. Oprah Winfrey meets Cinnamon Brown, who, at the age of 14, was convicted of murdering her stepmother (r). (Teletext) (7858220)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Cartoon fun with Dougal and friends Narrated by Nigel Planer (647959)
6.00 Hypnosis The music show features DJ Colin Favor, D.Influence and Adamski (r) (591)
6.30 A Different World. American comedy series. Gina (Ajai Sanders) is fascinated by a hot-tempered rap star (s) (171)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (579046)
7.50 Comment. Following his experience on an aid convoy to Croatia, Guy Carpenter issues a personal plea to the West to do more to help the people of the former Yugoslavia (186978)
8.00 Dinosaur Footprints: The Nature of the Beast. The palaeontologist Paul Sereno unveils a dinosaur skeleton in a remote valley in northwestern Argentina: also, a look at how dinosaurs managed to rule the world, and Jack Horner explains how they grew up (Teletext) (1539)



A symbol for the past and the future (9.00pm)

9.00 Witness: The Emperor's Birthday. (Teletext) See Choice (1775)
10.00 Go Fishing. John Wilson reports on the work of the Norfolk Naturalists' Trust (r) (s) (715978)
10.35 Summer's Out: Silverlake Life – The View from Here. See Choice (35032794)
12.30am Film: Hotel du Paradis (1986) starring Fernando Rey. Jana Bokova's directing debut is an atmospheric drama about an oddball assortment of guests at a small Parisian hotel. With Fabrice Luchini and Berangere Bonvoisin. In French with English subtitles (41534). Ends at **2.30**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S. (5070713) **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters (2725268) **6.00** Home and Away (919688) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (461268) **7.30-8.00** Laugh with the Carry Ons (713) **8.30** Survival (4775) **9.00-10.00** Film: Eminent Domain (3133) **10.30** Anglia News (246855) **10.40** Film Eminent Domain (310572) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (735152) **12.35am** Superstars of Wrestling (7277621) **1.20** America's Top Ten (2235331) **1.50** Film. Saturday Night Out (969485) **3.35** The Bicentennial Concert (3500263) **4.30** Riviera (62466) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (40756)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.25-9.50am Film. A Tale of Two Critters (5070713) **1.15** A Country Practice (977930) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (976201) **3.20-3.50** Deepwater Haven (2376775) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2725268) **6.00** Home and Away (919688) **6.25** Central News (907607) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (527387) **7.30-8.00** Laugh with the Carry Ons (713) **8.30** Survival (4775) **9.00-10.00** Film: Eminent Domain (3133) **10.30** Central News (246855) **10.40** Film Eminent Domain (310572) **11.40** The Twilight Zone (113171) **12.00am** Hollywood Report (1307244) **12.35** The Little Picture Show (5109176) **1.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9074350) **2.05** America's Top Ten (6333027) **2.35** Raw Power (9766718) **3.35** Quiz Night (34296909) **4.05** Jobfinder (2233602) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (9426398)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.25-9.50am Zorro (5070713) **6.00** HTV News (249) **6.30-7.00** Disaster Chronicles (201) **7.30-8.00** Laugh with the Carry Ons (713) **8.30** Survival (4775) **9.00-10.00** Film. Eminent Domain (3133) **10.30** HTV News (246855) **10.40** Film: Eminent Domain (310572) **11.40** Let Loose (199591) **11.55** Prisoner: Cell Block H (606201) **12.35am** Superstars of Wrestling (7277621) **1.20** America's Top Ten (2235331) **1.50** Film: Saturday Night Out (969485) **3.35** The Bicentennial Concert (3500263) **4.30** Riviera (62466) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (40756)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales at Six (249) **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme (201) **11.40-11.55** Weekend Ahead! (199591)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.25-9.50am The Haunted School (5070713) **3.20-3.50** All Together Now (2376775) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (249) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (201) **7.30-8.00** Laugh with the Carry Ons (713) **8.30** Survival (4775) **9.00-10.00** The Equalizer (3133) **10.40** Oh! What a Lovely Pier' (584220) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (487978) **12.15am** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (512398) **1.15-1.35** Nite Bites (8186534) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (40756)

TYNE-TEES

As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S (5070713) **1.10-1.15** Lookaround (38116521) **5.55** Tyne Tees News (372775) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (201) **7.30-8.00** Laugh with the Carry Ons (713) **8.30** Survival (4775) **9.00-10.00** Film: Eminent Domain (3133) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (246855) **10.40** Film: Eminent Domain (310572) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (735152) **12.35am** Film: Serpico: The Deadly Game (933669) **2.20** America's Top Ten (6322911) **2.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5589176) **3.20** Film: The Informers (468027)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.25-9.50am The Haunted School (5070713) **1.45-2.15** Blockbusters (976201) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (2376775) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (58862) **7.30-8.00** Laugh with the Carry Ons (713) **8.30** Survival (4775) **9.00-10.00** Film. Eminent Domain (3133) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (246855) **10.40** Film. Eminent Domain (310572) **11.40** Prisoner. Cell Block H (735152) **12.35am** Worldwide Wrestling (7277621) **1.20** America's Top Ten (2235331) **1.50** Film Saturday Night Out (969485) **3.35** The Bicentennial Concert (3500263) **4.30** Riviera (62466)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.25-9.50am C.O.P.S (5070713) **5.55** Calendar News (372775) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (201) **7.30-8.00** Laugh with the Carry Ons (713) **8.30** Survival (4775) **9.00-10.00** Film: Eminent Domain (3133) **10.30** Calendar News (246855) **10.40** Film. Eminent Domain (310572) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (735152) **12.35am** Film Serpico. The Deadly Game (933669) **2.20** America's Top Ten (6322911) **2.50** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5589176) **3.20** Film The Informers (468027)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (54607) **9.00** Saved by the Bell (40355) **9.30** Star Street (2546423) **9.55** Kid 'n' Play (6790626) **10.20** Kelly (3455084) **10.45** The Adventures of Tintin (4902572) **11.10** The Henderson Kids (3726779) **11.35** Alfred J. Kwak (8726539) **12.05pm** High 5 (8971862) **12.30** Sesame Street (83249) **1.30** Opening Shot (70084) **2.00** Film The Elusive Pimpernel (6666) **4.00** The Christians (4997) **5.00** Countdown (7626) **5.30** The Cosby Show (978) **6.00** Newyddion (395084) **6.10** Heno (740152) **7.00** Jacpot (7862) **7.30** Croeso I'r Rhyl (42012) **8.30** Newyddion (577797) **8.55** Min Y Gyllel (341355) **9.30** mr don and mr george (68249) **10.00** Summer's Out Forbidden Love (928046) **11.35** Nurses (210423) **12.05am** Summer's Out. It's a Queer World (3809447)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am Cartoons (2665779) **6.20** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (1718572) **6.50** The DJ Kat Show (98031274) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (27779) **10.00** Card Sharks (6744355) **10.25** Concentration (7666065) **10.50** Dynemo Duck (3468161) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (93510) **12.00** E Street (86171) **12.30pm** Three's Company (27715) **1.00** Falcon Crest (92220) **2.00** Once an Eagle (8126713) **2.55** Another World (2639336) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5888065) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (5423) **6.00** Games World (2065) **6.30** E Street (3317) **7.00** Rescue (6152) **7.30** Full House (2201) **8.00** Paper Chase (42249) **9.00** Chances (56713) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (25572) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (81775)

SKY NEWS

News on the Hour
6.30am Business Report (290046) **9.30** Talkback (88881) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (44959) **11.30** Business Report (64591) **12.30pm** Business Report (48775) **1.30** CBS This Morning (41442) **3.30** ABC Nightline (75317) **4.30** Business Report (2442) **5.00** Live at Five (817442) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (3171) **8.00** News Hour (53065) **9.30** Talkback (50607) **11.30** CBS Evening News (71171) **12.30am** *FT* Reports (93911) **1.30** CBS Evening News (58331) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (76176) **3.30** CBS Evening News (71621) **4.30** Financial Times Reports (36927) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (86911)

SKY MOVIES PLUS

6.00am Showcase (3376539)
10.00 Ironclads (1991) Warship drama with Virginia Madsen, Alex Hyde-White (27751)
12.00 Cactus Flower (1969) Comedy with Walter Matthau, Ingrid Bergman (49201)
2.00pm Barquero! (1970) Warren Oates plays a ruthless bandit (49152)
4.00 Triumph of the Heart (1991) A sportsman (Mario Van Peebles) befriends a handicapped boy (1305)
6.00 Ironclads (as 10am) (36688)
8.00 Wife, Mother, Murderer (1991). Judith Light plays a poisoner (31133)
10.00 Child's Play 2 (1990) The murderous doll torments Alex Vincent (4071539)
11.25 Student Bodies (1981): A masked killer terrorises students (479355)
1.20am Lock Up Your Daughters (1969): Bawdy 18th-century tale (34081756)
3.50 The Forgotten One (1990). Ghost story with Kristy McNichol as a writer (484466) Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Paper Moon (1973) Tatum and Ryan O'Neal as tricksters (24219317)
7.50 King Rat (1965). Prisoner-of-war drama with George Segal (19059959)
10.00 Bring Me the Head of Alfredo Garcia (1974): Sam Peckinpah's Mexican melodrama (858688) Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am A Night in Havana (1957): Croupier Errol Flynn is pursued by criminals (34626)
8.00 Sinbad Animation (6376997)
8.55 Rob Roy. The life of the Scottish rogue who plotted against George II (9327591)
9.45 Treasure Island (1989): Charlton Heston stars as Long John Silver (83890423)
12.00 Affair in Trinidad (1952): Rita Hayworth as a singer turned detective (436978)
1.50pm Avalon (1990). Jewish family drama with Armin Mueller-Stahl (11039997)
4.00 Sinbad (as 8am) (45125)
5.00 Rob Roy (as 8.55am) (8133)
6.00 Shout (1991): John Travolta in a musical romance set in the 1950s (27930)
8.00 Barton Fink (1991). Stylish black comedy set in 1930s Hollywood (39775)
10.00 Thelma and Louise (1991). Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon take to the road (39841794)
12.10am Bright Angel (1991): A teenage boy and a drifter drive across the States (664992)
1.45 Walking Tall (1973): Joe Don Baker plays a sheriff (21192398)
3.50 To Sleep With Anger (1990): Drama with Danny Glover as a stranger who disrupts a black family (396737) Ends at **5.30**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (3291268) **7.15** Prime Bodies (728626) **7.45** Trucks 'n' Tractor Power (727997) **8.15** Soccer News (4754046) **8.30** Motor World (56539) **9.00** Prime Bodies (30591) **9.30** Sportsworld (2365355) **10.15** Netbusters (1366775) **10.30** Major League Baseball (64930) **12.30pm** World Pool (56751) **2.30** Australian Rugby League (27572) **4.30** ATP Tennis (8084) **5.00** Watersports (7423) **6.00** Soccer News (470030) **6.15** WWF Wrestling (693930) **7.00** World Pool (36249) **9.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (97713) **10.00** Soccer News (939978) **10.15** US PGA Golf (124626) **12.15-1.15am** Best of British Motorsport (769244)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Step Aerobics (20688) **8.00** EuroGolf Magazine (92607) **9.00** Athletics (80572) **11.00** Surfing (44133) **11.30** Eurofun (45862) **12.00** Triathlon (75152) **1.00pm** Snooker (91688) **3.00** Live Golf (17997) **5.00** Badminton (2591) **6.00** NBA Basketball (1317) **6.30** Eurosport News (5997) **7.00** Olympic Magazine (3220) **7.30** Motorsport (13442) **8.30** Rally Cross (8775) **9.00** Football (82881) **10.00** Tennis (46152) **10.30** Boxing (53220) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (14718)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Raccoons (2336107) **7.30** Neighbours (3881232) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1130220) **8.30** EastEnders (1139591) **9.00** The Bill (1153171) **9.30** The Onedin Line (1851862) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (2041794) **11.30** Rhoda (8725249) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1140607) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5937220) **1.00** EastEnders (3788648) **1.30** The Bill (5836591) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (1494978) **2.30** Three Up, Two Down (9875492) **3.00** Dallas (8729065) **4.00** Dynasty (8708572) **5.00** Blankety Blank (1478930) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (2675648) **6.00** Neighbours (9320571) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6715862) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5920715) **8.00** EastEnders (1407442) **8.30** Three Up, Two Down (1493249) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (1432442) **10.00** The Bill (1141336) **10.30** Innes Book of Records (1150084) **11.00** Top of the Pops (6679317) **11.50** Dr Who (1107084) **12.20-1.50am** Film: Pearl of the South Pacific (1955) (76066553)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Jack in the Box (42997) **7.00** Care Bears (4828797) **7.55** RatKan II (9978846) **8.30** Hammerman (98539) **9.00** Pugwall (26) (72591) **9.30** Manu Ovide and the Gang (32143) **10.00** The Finder (10) (59201) **10.30** New Adventures of He-man (78775) **11.00** Spitt and Hercules (99607) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (90336) **12.00** You Can't Do That on Television (22084) **1.00pm** Michael Valiant (87572) **1.30** Super Mario World (82620) **2.00** Adventure (4978) **2.30** Say Ahhh! (3978) **3.00** Care Bears (2494539) **3.25** RatKan II (5023607) **3.30** Berenstain Bears (8423) **4.00** Bobobobs (7930) **4.30** Earthworks (26) (6442) **5.00** Fifteen (39) (6930) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (7794) **6.00-7.00** Fame (28268)

RADIO 3

6.35 Open University: Maths. Differential equations
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air Clementi (Piano Sonata in F, Op 26: Vladimir Horowitz, piano); Grétry (Suite: Zemire et Azor: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham); Mussorgsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain: LSO under Claudio Abbado); Vaughan Williams (Three Portraits, the England of Elizabeth: LSO under André Previn)
9.00 Composers of the Week: Rodrigo and Falla: presented by Raymond Calcraft. Rodrigo (De los alamos vengo, madre; Concierto serenata, first mvt; Plegaria de la Infanta de Castilla). Falla (Soneto a Cordoba); Rodrigo (Cántico de la esposa. Pastorcito santo); Falla (Don Quixote's Monologue, El Retablo de Maese Pedro); Rodrigo (Ausencias de Dulcinea)
10.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Rahbari with Isabelle van Keulen, violin, performs Brahms (Tragic Overture; Violin Concerto in D); Bartok (Concerto for Orchestra)
11.40 Prom Artist of the Week: Yuri Bashmet, viola, plays Britten (Lachrymae, Op 48: with the Moscow Soloists)
12.00 Chopin (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Haydn's Operas: La vera costanza Libretto by Francesco Puttini. Lausanne Chamber Orchestra under Antal Dorati with Jessye Norman (Rosina); Helen Donath (Lisetta); Claes-Hakon Ahnsjo (Count Errico); Wladimiro Ganzarolli (Villotto), Domenico Trimarchi (Masino); Ilan Lovaas (Baroness Irene), Anthony Rolfe Johnson (Marquis Ernesto)
3.25 Songs Without Words. Todd Crow, piano, performs Moscheles (Characteristic tribute to the memory of Malibran, Op 94); Mendelssohn, arr Liszt (Auf Flügeln des Gesanges Sonntagslied; Reiselied; Neue Liebe; Frühlingslied; Winterlied; Suleika; Wasserfahrt; Der Jäger Abschied) Chopin (Polonaise Fantasy in A flat, Op 61) (r)
4.15 Voices of the Americas: City of London Sinfonia under Richard Pittman performs George Perle (Sinfonietta No 1). Michael Daugherty (Flamingo): George Antheil (Serenade No 1 for Strings)
5.00 In Tune with Natalie Wheen
7.30 BBC Proms, live from the Albert Hall, London English Chamber Orchestra under Pinchas Zukerman, violin, performs Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D); Beethoven (Violin Concerto in D) During the interval at **8.15** Timothy Buck muses on past and present attitudes to the German language. (r)
9.30 Bridget Riley — Five Dialogues on Art (r)
9.50 Jolivet: Michelle Lee performs five incantations for solo flute (r)
10.15 Changing Times (r)
10.45 Looking for Anais Nin Kate Saunders's portrait of the author, in whose writing art and life merge. Beth Porter reads from the journals (r)
11.30 Two American Song Cycles. Rosemary Hardy, soprano, and Ian Brown, piano, perform Copland (Twelve Poems of Emily Dickinson); George Crumb (Apparition)
12.30-12.35 News

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping **6.00** News Briefing incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30 Today** incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News: **6.45** Business Report **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Heroic Failures **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze with Michael Buerk
9.45 The Brigadier Down Under by Peter Tinniswood (2/4)
10.00 News; No Commitments (FM only) by Simon Brett. 5: Affair Exchange: Will Victoria succumb to Tim's charms?
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only) Kings
10.30 Woman's Hour interviews Emma Thompson and features the latest in antenatal screening techniques, women pirates and house swapping
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00pm You and Yours with Tasneem Siddiqi.
12.25 Trivia Test Match Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge, from Stoke D'Abernon Cricket Club, Surrey **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Ring of Roses See Choice
3.00 News; Against the Grain 071-580 4444: Presented by Ann-Marie Hourihane. This week: Infidelity is good for you
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope at the Festival Robert Dawson Scott reports from Edinburgh on a photographic exhibition, *The Waking Dream*, and three plays from the Traverse Theatre. Patrick Barlow is the studio guest.
4.45 Short Story: A Lost Sheep by Liam Donnelly. Read by Lalor Roddy (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55 Weather**
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Paris, London See Choice
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Document. A new series which challenges received views of 20th-century history. 1: *The Unspeakable Atrocity*: Evidence of Nazi death camps emerged in Britain as early as 1942 Denys Blakeway asks what motivated the BBC and the British government to keep so quiet?
8.00 Ages Past by Colin McLaren. Three centuries of English family life through diaries and letters of the time. 5: *The Bonds of Wedlock*. With Stephanie Cole, Barbara Leigh-Hunt, Geraldine Fitzgerald and Benjamin Whitrow; narration from Lesley Dunlop
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? presented by Ted Harrison
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Tim Bowler **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Max Pearson
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Lost Salt Gift of Blood by Alistair MacLeod, read by Colin Stinton 4: *The Closing Down of Summer*
11.00 Murder on the Orient Express. A five-part dramatisation of the Agatha Christie novel. Starring John Moffat as Hercule Poirot, with Andre Maranne, Joss Ackland and Sian Phillips (r)
11.30 The Year in Question: the first semi-final, chaired by Brian Hayes
12.00am News incl 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.44** (LW only) As BBC World Service

CHOICE

Ring of Roses. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*
Nick Stafford has extracted from Daniel Defoe's *A Journal of the Plague Year* enough documentary material to give his play its solid factual basis. The poor bore the brunt of the horrors in 1665 London, and it is a trio of dispossessed women (played by Mona Hammond, Adjoa Andoh and Linda Dobell), trying to survive in a city of the dying, whom Stafford selects as his archetypes. In his wide panorama of the Great Plague, he even finds a place for those who put the blame for the catastrophe on the Dutch. They are the scapegoats that the history books seem to have forgotten.

Paris, London. *Radio 4, 6.30pm.*
The performing quartet of Simon Godley, Robert Harley, Carla Mendonca and Gary Parker have only themselves to blame or praise if their comedy sketch series succeeds or fails. They wrote the scripts, too. In their debut programme tonight, the targets are by turn familiar (dieting, love-making videos) and fresh (tactless gambits at parties, nuclear theme parks). Very few of the jokes are lame but the studio audience proves an invaluable crutch. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Steve Edwards (FM only) **6.00** Simon Mayo **9.00** Simon Bates **11.00** 1FM Summer Roadshow from Tenby **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Antique Records Roadshow **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Barbara Sturgeon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue **7.30** Hit It Boys! **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** British Country **10.30** Debbie Greenwood and Paul Coia **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm.** **6.00am** World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **10.00** Susumu's Story, by David Holman (1/2) (r) **10.25** Wiggly Park **10.30** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** The Hall **1.10** Student Choice '93 **2.30** Sportsbeat **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Box 13, starring Alan Ladd **7.15** Kiss the Dust **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.30** Empire Night (r) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin **5.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **5.45** From Our Own Correspondent **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports **11.00** News **11.01** As I Recall **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Spanish Gold **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: Welsh Stories **3.45** Recording of the Week **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports **Midnight** News **12.05am** Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Music Inside Out **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** Spanish Gold **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Robert Booth **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concert-to Korngold (Violin Concerto) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Travel Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Britten-Pears Orchestra under Adam-Fischer performs Brahms (Variations on a Theme of Haydn), Haydn (Symphony No 86 in D). Johan Strauss (son) (Overture: Die Fledermaus; Tritsch-Tratsch Polka: Thunder and Lightning Polka) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

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National changes fall short of the mark

Julian Muscat analyses the recommendations and alterations made by the racing industry working group after the 1993 Grand National debacle

HORSE racing's internal examination of the starting and recall procedures, prompted by the collapse of the system at the 1993 Grand National, yesterday conspicuously failed to unearth a fresh alternative to that which precipitated the debacle at Aintree on April 3.

Four months of deliberating by a 14-strong racing industry working group has offered only widespread tinkering to a mechanism which, through its failure to function properly, ridiculed racing in front of a worldwide television audience.

The National, Britain's most popular sporting event, was declared void amid chaos. Animal rights protestors delayed the start, the field had to be recalled after a false start and, when the old elastic tape failed at the second attempt, several jockeys completed the course ignorant of attempts by flag-waving officials to stop them. Apart from the damage to the image of British racing, trainers and jockeys were denied a chance of glory and an estimated £60 million was lost in betting turnover.

The group, whose recommendations have been endorsed by the Jockey Club, faced an unenviable task in offering solutions to quash fears of a repeat fiasco. However, the sporting world has waited for racing's response and when it came yesterday, it was disappointing.

In its initial rejection of incorporating modern technology, the working group has turned its back on the embracing of that option by other, progressive sports. Experienced jockeys in the group testified that a galley of flashing lights denoting a false start, as used in Formula One motor racing, is impractical. Jockeys jostling for position soon after the start with the sun in their eyes could find difficulty in seeing the lights.

No one denies them that. Yet grand prix drivers, travelling at greater speed and also in the glare of the sun, do not reject the flashing lights concept. The group might have examined this option more closely before rejecting it, even though it has not proved foolproof in Hong Kong.

To rely on human input is to invite trouble. No amount of back-up can justify the claim yesterday of Brigadier Andrew Parker-Bowles, the chairman of the working group: "I am confident that last year's events will never happen again."

There are also contradictions within the 34-page report. It states that the trigger releasing the starting tape should be hidden from view to prevent jockeys anticipating the start. However, the starter can continue to shout "come on" to jockeys provided he does so as he releases the tape.

This did not happen at Aintree in April. Keith Brown shouted those words before releasing the tape. It is faintly ridiculous to discourage jockeys from making a quick start by hiding the starting trigger if the starter can also shout encouragement at them.

There are two issues the report has failed to recognise. First, it has not taken measures to regain the public's confidence, without which the Grand National would be meaningless. By endorsing, albeit with improvements, existing procedures, the group has suggested that there was little wrong with them in the first place.

Second, recalling runners after a false start can only be deemed successful if they do not jump the first fence. While the Rules state races can be restarted if no horse completes a circuit of a course, the reality for the public is entirely different.

More thought should have gone into an effective recall procedure before runners reached the first fence. Adding an extra advance flag man, as the report recommends, does not inspire confidence in achieving this.

The new role of the stop man, who will halt the race if the two flag men fail in the first instance, asks him to use the same tool — a fluorescent yellow flag. Why, armed with the same flag, should he succeed where two others before him have failed?

Never mind that racing's name was tarnished. Never mind that millions had the excitement of their annual flutter denied them: never mind that a £28-a-day flag man was blamed for the whole show. Any mechanism, however sound in theory, is only as good as those operating it. From now on we will have Jockey Club employees waving flags, not casual workers like Ken Evans, the recall man at Aintree. That is one welcome recommendation the report does make.

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Seles bears no grudge against her assailant

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

MONICA Seles, the former world No 1 tennis player, striving to overcome the mental trauma suffered when she was stabbed on court four months ago, bears no grudge against the man who knifed her.

In her first interview since the stabbing in Hamburg on April 30, Seles, twice the United States Open champion, said: "I haven't hit a ball for a long time, and for me to get back to any level is going to take a lot of hours."

Unable to defend her United States title this year — the championships start at Flushing Meadow on Monday — Seles said her recovery will include not only a great deal of physical work but also some mental conditioning.

Seles, recuperating in Vail, Colo., has not even been able to look at the injury. "It's not something I want to do," she said. "It just reminds me too much of what happened. "It's hard to talk about it because it brings back that day. And I'm sure it is not one of the days I'm going to look back on, ever."

"I think as soon as I'm able to swing a racket and hit a ball, I'm going to go out there and swing it. I'm going to practise hard, but I think I'm going to have to deal with it emotionally, also. It's not a bad dream I have to wake up from."

Seles, however, vowed that she would overcome the trauma from the wound and said she bore no grudge against her assailant, who said he was a Steffi Graf supporter and wanted to unseat Seles as No 1 in the Women's Tennis Association's rankings. "I was always a strong person mentally, and this is just another hurdle that I just have to jump over," she said. "It's just hard to understand why a person would stab another person for that person not to be No 1.

Since the stabbing, Seles says she has sought out ways of coping with her trauma, and had got much better. She also said she had been impressed with the increased security at most tournaments, but asked: "Why do we always have to have a victim to change something?"

☐ Graf and Jim Courier, the world No 1s, will be top seeds for the US Open. Courier, the Australian Open champion and French Open and Wimbledon runner-up, is seeded first for the second year, after recapturing his top ranking from Pete Sampras earlier this week. Sampras, the Wimbledon champion, is seeded second, ahead of Stefan Edberg, the defending champion.

Graf is the Open's top woman seed for the sixth time in the last seven years. She has won the title for the last two years. Martina Navratilova, the third seed, has been seeded for a record nineteenth consecutive year, surpassing the mark of 18 years shared by Chris Evert and Jimmy Connors.

☐ Anders Jarryd, the veteran Swedish Davis Cup player, has had the eighth knee operation of his career, which could hit his country's hopes of beating Germany in the semi-final in Borlange next month.

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Men

1, J Courier (US); 2 P Sampras (US), 3, S Edberg (Swe) 4, B Becker (Ger), 5, S Bruguera (Sp), 6, M Stich (Ger); 7 M Chang (US) 8, A Medveder (Ukraine), 9, P Korda (Czech) 10, R Krajicek (Holl) 11, G Ivanisevic (Croatia), 12, T Muster (Austria), 13, I Lendl (US), 14, A Volkov (Russia), 15, C Pioline (Fr) 16, A Agassi (US)

Women

1, S Graf (Ger); 2, A Sánchez-Vicario (Sp), 3, M Navratilova (US), 4, C Martinez (Sp); 5, G Sabatini (Arg), 6, M J Fernandez (US), 7, J Capriati (US) 8, J Novotna (Czech); 9, A Huber (Ger), 10 M Maleeva (Bul), 11, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) 12, H Sukova (Czech), 13, M Pierce (Fr); 14, N Tauziat (Fr), 15, A Coetzer (SA), 16, Z Garrison-Jackson (US)



Jonny Searle, left, and his brother Greg, right, and the cox, Garry Herbert, at the announcement of their sponsorship deal in Hammersmith yesterday

Searles receive £250,000 support

BY JOHN GOODBODY

JONNY and Greg Searle, the Olympic coxed pairs champions, yesterday received £250,000 in sponsorship, although their event is likely to be dropped from the Games programme in 1996.

However, Andersen Consulting, which has provided the £80,000-plus support a year in the three-year build-up to Atlanta, yesterday made it clear that it was aware of the situation and that it was backing the brothers and Garry Herbert, the cox, because they had demonstrated a high-quality performance and a "spirit of partnership."

Although the trio will be attempting to repeat their Olympic victory in the world championships next week at Roudnice, in the Czech Republic, they said yesterday they would row in other crews if the International Olympic Committee (IOC) agrees to implement the proposals of the International Rowing Federation (Fisa) and drop their event in Atlanta.

Brian Armstrong, the Great Britain international rowing manager, said: "Whatever happens, these boys are potential Olympic gold medal-winners."

The crew has been in the forefront of the campaign to stop the IOC replacing the coxed pairs, the coxed four and the women's coxless pairs with the lightweight men's coxless four, the lightweight men's double sculls and the lightweight women's double sculls for 1996.

The plan has split international rowing. Steve Redgrave was among 40 of the 42 Olympic champions in Barcelona who signed a letter protesting at Fisa's vote to drop the three heavyweight events.

Jonny Searle who, like his two colleagues, is qualifying as a lawyer, said that the sponsorship will "remove some of the obstacles in the way to another Olympic gold medal." This year, for instance, the crew was unable to go to warm-weather training camps because of the cost.

However, they are optimistic that next week they can beat the Abbagnale brothers, the Italians who they overhauled just before the line in the Olympic final.

It is not only the Abbagnale brothers, who train on the Bay of Naples, but also crews from Croatia, Lithuania and France who are threats to the Britons. The Searles specialise in strong finishes.

The Searles said they did not resent the large amounts of money available to leading competitors in other sports. Jonny said: "There are different public interests. We are not in rowing for the money. We are in it because we like rowing."

Greg added: "Although Linford Christie has won a lot of money from other races, he has never looked as happy this year as when he won the world 100 metres title, for which he was not getting paid."



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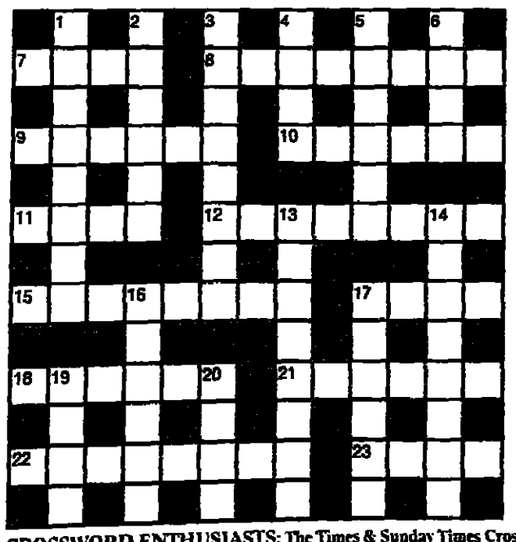
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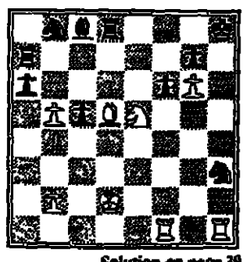
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Granberg — Gubnicki, Correspondence 1986. Black's king is terribly constricted and in imminent danger of execution. Nevertheless, White has some problems: his bishop is pinned, his knight is under attack, and the black knight on h3 is blocking the h-file. He solved all these problems in brilliant style. Can you see how? Be warned — this is a difficult problem.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

TRILLIUM
a. A triangular stadium
b. The Aboriginal bamboo whistle
c. A perrenial herb

UMBRATION
a. A malformed navel
b. An incorrect conjecture
c. Faint representation

COGWARE
a. Coarse cloth
b. Timber
c. Medieval pottery

RACEME
a. A cut or slash
b. A cluster of grapes
c. Corrosive acid

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